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To-day's Events
DECEMBER

25 *Christmas Day*
25 *Duchess of Gloucester's birthday (1902)*

To-morrow's Events
DECEMBER

26 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 3
26 Charity Soccer Match, Canidrome, Kick-off 2.45
26 'Traviata,' Lyceum, 9

Coming Events
DECEMBER

27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Nutritional Values,' 9
28 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Rd., Public Lecture cancelled
18 'Traviata,' Lyceum, 9
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
29 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
29 Royal Asiatic Society Meeting
29 7th Rover Ball, Masonic Hall, 9
29 For. Y. Debate: 'Pacifism and Warmakers,' 9
30 'Faust,' Lyceum, 9

JANUARY, 1939

3 Shanghai R.U.F.C. vs. British Services, Canidrome, 3
5 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
5 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
5 'The Divorced Wife' (The Girl in the Train), music by Leo Fall, Russian Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
5 For. Y. Debate: 'Naughty and Interesting vs. Good but Dull,' 9
6 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6
6 Leonid Kreutzer, Lyceum, 9.15
7 'The Divorced Wife,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
8 A.T.A. 'Libel' at S.J.S. in aid of Austrian and German refugees, 8.30
8 'The Divorced Wife,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
9 Choral Society Practice, 5.30
9 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
9 Leonid Kreutzer, Lyceum, 9.15
9 I.E.E. (China Centre) General Meeting, Park Hotel, 5.15
11 St. Patrick's Society, Annual Meeting, 27 The Bund, 5.30
12 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
12 B.U.S.C. Lecture by T. Spikins, Esq., Gas Engineer, 114 Peking Road, 6
12 Le Ballet Russe, Grand Premiere of Tschaikowsky's ballet: 'Le Lac des Cygnes' (The Swan Lake), Lyceum Theatre, 9
12 For. Y. Debate: 'Missionaries—Harm vs. Good,' 9
13 Shai. Dialect Club, Foreign Y, 6
13 Shanghai Camera Club. Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
14 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 9
15 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 2.15
15 Ballet Russe, 'Lac des Cygnes,' Lyc., 9
19 For. Y. Debate: 'Enslaved Women,' 9
26 For. Y. Debate: 'Control of Western Areas,' 9

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

To-day being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of the "North-China Daily News" to-morrow, but the paper will appear as usual on December 27.

The offices of the Company will be closed to-day and New Year Day only.

THE PUBLISHER.

December 20, 1938.

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Shanghai Stores' Christmas Window Display
Presentation of Birthday Honours
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Western District Barricades
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Local Sports
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To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Our Christmas trees were a bit late in coming this year, but come they did—in time—and a cheerful sight to our otherwise drab, and at times, dreary streets. What a cheerful sight it was the kiddies dancing with glee, the smiles of the elders, and even the Chinese gardener caught in that magical spell of Christmas!

Into this happy and pleasing Yuletide scene now comes a strange and un-Christmas-like spectacle. By this, I refer to what occurred on a street named in honour of a brave soldier—Marshall Joffre, and at the intersection of another dedicated to the memory of another soldier, and as brave, but a soldier of God, Cardinal Mercier we know him, of blessed memory: names that will forever live on as symbols of valour and Christian service, Heaven-sent in their nation's hour of need.

It was on these roads, Sir, that the keepers of the Law—I say the Law—seem to have seen fit to maintain its sanctity by razing the trees, piling them in heaps to be cleared by trucks, while the vendors thereof were hurried off to the Station, presumably, in patrol waggons. The reason? It seems a license was lacking—a license to sell a Christmas tree! The vendors—God knows in times like these they needed the money. And so, to these I say It will not be a merry Christmas—though even the blind are remembered and the refugees are feasted by their Mission.

I would not say this is the Christmas spirit of goodwill as interpreted by some administrators—but it does make one think that had a little Christian kindness been shown, perhaps this might have made a democracy seem the brighter for it—and not but another duplicate of that very against which it so vehimently cries.

XTIAN.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

The Police:

And the Bus Smoke

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In yesterday's issue "CHOKED AND RUNOVER" has my sympathy.

But is it certain that the Police are to blame? Complaining to a Police Inspector lately he remarked with grim bitterness "I wish we could stop that—poisonous smoke." Verb. Sap.

ALSO CHOKED.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Trinity Cathedral.—Dec. 24.—Christmas Eve.—Holy Communion 11.45 p.m. Dec. 25.—Christmas Day.—Holy Communion (also in Bubbling Well Chapel) 7 a.m. 8 a.m. Mattins and Sermon 10.30 a.m. Psalm: 19. Lessons: Isaiah 9, 2-7; Luke 2, 1-20 Stanford in B flat. Anthem: "And suddenly there was wtih the Angels. Glory to God." (Handel) Hymns; 59; 61, 60. Preacher: The Dean. (Mattins at 10.30 a.m. will be broadcast from Cathedral over Station XQHB 361.2m. 830 kc.) Holy Communion 11.45 a.m. Evensong and Sermon 6 p.m. Psalm: 85. Hymns: 62, 60, 63. Lessons: Isaiah 7, 10-14; 1 John 4, 7-end. Preacher: Rev. E. J. Ottewell, L. Th. Bubbling Well Chapel: 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. P. C. Matthews, M.A. Dec. 26.—St. Stephen, the First Martyr.—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Dec. 27.—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Dec. 28.—Innocents' Day.—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Dec. 31.—11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service. Preacher: Rev. E. J. Ottewell, L. Th.

St. John's Pro-Cathedral, Jessfield.—Holy Communion in English at 7.30 a.m. Evening Prayer in English at 6 o'clock Preacher: Rev. A. Ervine Swift, B.D.

Union Church (International and Interdenominational), 107 Soochow Road (near the British Consulate-General).—Officiating Minister: Rev. C. Wilfred Allan.—10.45, Christmas Service. Hymn, "O Come, all ye Faithful," Prayers and Lesson; Recit. and Air, "Comfort Ye My People," "Every Valley shall be Exalted," Mr. David McGavin; Chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord:" Lesson; Recit. and Air, "Behold a Virgin shall Conceive," "O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings," Miss W. Allan; Carol, "In the Bleak Mid-Winter," Miss Betty Umpleby and Choir; Pastoral Symphony on the Organ; Chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest"; Recit. and Air, "He shall Feed His Flock," Mesdames Umpleby and McLennan; "Hallelujah" Chorus; Hymn, "The First Nowell,"; Benediction.—10.45, Children's Morning Service in the Church Hall.

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20.00: XMHD Gospel Singers
20.30: Gospel Service (Dr. J. Lee H. Paterson)
21.00: Russian Evangelistic Service and Music.
Weekdays, Dec. 26 to 30.
8.30: Thought for the Day (C. J. Lowe)
12.45: NCDN. News Broadcast
13.00: Devotional Service and Song
17.00: Classical and Popular Music
20.00: Sacred Concert
20.30: Gospel Service and Song
21.00: NCDN. News Broadcast
21.15: To be announced.
Noonday speakers will include Miss E. Talbot, Dr. H. G. C. Hallock, Rev. A. E. Small, Miss Edith Spurling, Rev. J. A. Jacobson, and C.I.M. friends.

Fourth Marines Church Metropol Theatre. The Fourth United States Marines will hold their Christmas Church service and concert programme in the Metropol Theatre at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Chaplain Lieut. R. R. Marken conducts the worship and delivers the sermon, speaking on "Good Tidings For a Day Like This."

Community Church.—Rev. John P. Minter will preach at 11 a.m. in Community Church, Christmas Day on the theme, "What Child Is This?" Mr. R. V. Dent will be at the organ, and the choir will sing two anthems, "Calm on the List'ning Ear of Night" by Parker and "There Shall Come A Star out of Jacob" by Harris. Myra Bancroft Olive will sing a solo, "Christ Today Rejoices Men." There will be no Church School nor young people's meetings. At 6.30 p.m. there will be a Christmas Service at the Navy "Y" for Service Men followed by a Christmas party.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Shanghai, 1647 Avenue Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Subject: "Christian Science." Sunday School 9.45 a.m. Testimonial Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Reading Room at the Church open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Saint Joseph's Church (Rue Montauban). Sunday: Masses at 5.15, 6, 7, 8.15 and 10.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6 and 7.30 a.m.

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Saint Theresa's Church (35 Tatung Road). Sunday: Masses at 7 and 8.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6.45.

Our Lady's Church (694 Baikal Road). Sunday: Masses at 6.30 and 8 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6 and 7 a.m.

Church of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (730 Kiaochow Road). Sunday: Masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 5.30, 6 and 6.30 a.m.

Shanghai Free Christian Church.—(Evangelical) 681 Hart Road. The Services on Sunday will be conducted as follows:—Morning at 11 o'clock.—Children's Special Christmas Service. Speaker—Rev. W. J. Embery. Christmas music. An offering will be taken in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes for Destitute Children. Evening at 6 o'clock—Rev. E. J. Mann. Solo by Mr. David McGavin. Services during the week:—Thursday afternoon at 5.45—Prayer Meeting. Thursday evening at 7.45—Men's Bible Class.

Endeavourers Church.—Morning service will be held at "The Hut" 495 Yu Yuen Road at 10 a.m. The pastor, Dr. H. G. C. Hallock Ph. D., will preside. Midweek prayer-meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. in Room No. 305—Missions Building—169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

"The Hut." 495 Yu Yuen Road.—Sunday School at 3 p.m. Evening Service 6 o'clock. Preacher: Mr. J. Fischbacher. Bible Class. Friday 7.45 p.m.

Deutsche Kirche Samstag, den 24. Dezember abends 5 Uhr Christandacht. —Sonntag, den 25. Dezember vormittags 10,30 Uhr Gottesdienst.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF DECEMBER 25, 1878

While, as in duty bound, we wish our readers "A Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year," we feel that these annual salutations are gradually losing much of their old meaning. They are sinking into the category of courteous forms, for no better reason than that we are learning to live so terribly in earnest that merriment has become as it were an unclean thing, and prosperity has acquired the meaning of victory in the struggle for precedence. Worse than this, children themselves are beginning to take a serious view of existence, such as ought to be postponed for many a year to come. They are old men and women before their time, and a Christmas article cannot be better expended than in protesting against such unnatural precocity. It is true that now, as heretofore, the close of the year brings with it charity and hospitality, gatherings together of old friends, and thoughtful provision for the wants of those whose lines have fallen in difficult places. But we miss the mirth and gaiety of early times when the approach of Christmas-tide turned old people young, and force young people into ecstasies of delighted anticipation. We have the eating and drinking, the songs and toasts, the evergreen wreaths and the sacred mistletoe, but the fun and frolic are as extinct as the mastodon or the mail-coach.

Richest Mine of "White Coal"

Italian Government's Huge Hydro-Electric Project in Damming Isonzo River

History and geography teach that the Isonzo is the "youngest river in Europe," but it may now be added that the Isonzo will become the richest mine of "white coal" in Italy. Moreover, the plant which is now being constructed for harnessing the waters of this river will not only be unique but also the most powerful in Europe.

When the programme now in progress has been completed, the middle reaches of the Isonzo will be forced through a series of no less than six rapids, developing a total of half a billion k.w. per hour, more than sufficient power for all the industrial needs of Venezia Giulia, for running the newly-electrified railway lines and also for the distribution of power to the smallest centres of the Carso plateau, Istria and Upper Friuli..

The most important station in this chain of hydro-electric generating plant is that of Doblari, which alone will produce 136 million k.w.h. Its construction will be a marvellous engineering feat, as it is built entirely underground and is supported by a whole series of wells, tunnels and dams, all of which will shortly disappear below the level of the water.

Santa Lucia di Tolmino will soon take on quite a different aspect and will be converted into a picturesque promontory, its houses reflected in the peaceful waters of a lake, namely the reservoir which will submerge the rocky chasms and replace the present bed of the Isonzo at its confluence with the Idria, stretching out its three arms among the hills in the form of a star.

An Immense Tunnel

From the Piedicollo railway, which runs along the left bank, one can see the characteristic construction of the dams and the intake. The latter consists of a tubular gallery more than 800 metres in length with a diameter of ten metres, forming a roadway over which two motor lorries could easily pass at the same time. This immense tunnel descends in a slight curve parallel with the river bed, the outlet returning the waters to the river bed further down.

In the stretch included between the beginning of the tunnel and its outlet, the old water course remains dry or covered only with a little stagnant water, and it will therefore be possible to build the enormous dam here. It will, however, be necessary to take certain precautions in view of the fact that the damming of the waters takes place in a very narrow gorge; account must also be taken of the fact that the special characteristics of the Isonzo, namely, its tendency to frequent and unexpected flooding, may render the construction of this important work somewhat dangerous.

An extremely interesting piece of work is, however, being planned: an enormous box of solid reinforced concrete will support a very strong curved dam 35 metres in height and built into the rock on both banks. The box has been let down into the river bed and affixed to the rocky strata by a unique system of internal excavation by means of compressed air.

Dam's Mobile Section

On this superstructure the mobile part of the dam will be constructed, formed by two vertical gates or shutters in two separate parts: the upper portion can be let down behind the lower to regulate the outflow of water, the maximum being 2000 cubic metres, when the shutters are entirely raised.

The intake will also be closed at the dam; the waters of the Isonzo, augmented by the flow from the Idria, will return to their original channel; and the current will beat up against the enormous dyke, climbing the rocky sides of the gorge and invading the valley slopes, thus forming a large lake about six kilometres in length at about 30 metres above the present level of the Isonzo.

Deviated in this manner from its natural course, this tremendous volume of water will be directed into the tunnel, in reality a road hollowed out under Monte Castello, running downhill for four kilometres with a diameter of about five and a half metres at the outlet. The water, compressed by its own volume into the enormous tunnel, the excavations for which took ten whole months, will rush steeply down until near the confluence of the Isonzo with the Doblari torrent, where it divides into three sections running into three different pipes which set in motion the generators of the three immense turbines.

In order to give an idea of the magnificent and complete arrangement of this power station, it will suffice to mention that the work involved the removal of approximately 25,000 cubic metres of rock, while the construction of the oscillating tanks necessitated further excavations of 17,000 cubic metres.

The enormous importance of this daring and colossal work is obvious to all, and it will assume even greater interest when the Caporetto, Salcano and Gradisca rapids are also in operation. When terminated, this splendid engineering work will be one of the finest hydro-electric installations, not in Italy alone, but in all Europe.

From a Clubman's Chair

King's Desk of "Washington" Wood; Awkward Problems for Britain's Official Host; Coining Words

BY CHARLES MARTIN

I hear from America that an official gift may be presented to the King when he visits Washington. Nothing definite is decided, but there seems to be general agreement that the gift should take the form of a writing desk and chair made of wood from the George Washington estate at Mount Vernon. The Americans like to think that their present, if the idea is adopted, would be used in the King's study at Windsor Castle. This room, it is understood, was one of the ante-rooms of King George III, who reigned when the American colonies became independent.

Caviare, or Fish and Chips

When King Carol sat down to the State banquet at Buckingham Palace he was able to eat caviare that had been brought by air from Rumania specially for the occasion. Major Crankshaw, Britain's official host, makes a point of studying in advance the tastes of distinguished visitors for whom he has to provide hospitality. Frequently he goes to great lengths to obtain a favourite delicacy or to gratify a passing whim.

Whether it is ordering caviare to be flown 2,000 miles or, as happened once, arranging for a Balkan statesman to explore the East End of London and eat fish and chips in a dockland fish shop, the resourceful Major Crankshaw has never been known to disappoint his guests.

Haile Salassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, presented him with a difficult problem. There appeared to be no English food he liked at all. The Major tried one dish after another, but failed to please the royal palate. Then, as a last resort, kippers were put on the menu, and this time there was no mistaking the Emperor's approval. In fact, it is said that he has had kippers for breakfast ever since.

King Carol's linguistic ability, as revealed by his perfect command of English, sets all those who go abroad a good example. Englishmen in foreign countries usually are content to jog along with a smattering of the native tongue, or even in complete ignorance of it. The present Cabinet is not strong in linguists. Mr. Chamberlain speaks French correctly but with a Birmingham accent that is a delight to Frenchmen. Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, has a working knowledge of the language, but is shy of airing it. Top of the class is Sir John Simon who talks French fluently, as also does Mr. Burgin, Minister of Transport.

Of course the officials who accompanied the British statesmen to Paris all speak excellent French. The inclusion in the delegation of Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office, reminds me that one of his ancestors was responsible for the introduction of a new word into the French language. Marlborough's Quartermaster-General was the Irish Earl, William Cadogan. He wore his hair long and tied it at the back with a ribbon. The style apparently appealed to the French for they now call the ribbon a "catogan," a corruption of Cadogan.

While on the subject of additions to a language, what do you think of "Smog"? This is the word the National Smoke Abatement Society have coined, for the benefit of Londoners, from smoke-fog, the atmospheric condition which results from a combination of fog, provided by nature, and smoke, for which Londoners themselves are largely responsible.

Smog, they admit, is an ugly word; but the thing it stands for, they assert, is no less ugly. Certainly it is expensive. Estimates of its annual cost vary from £10,000,000 down to £4,000,000, the latter figure being the equivalent of 1s. 4d. on the rates.

But is a "London particular" really ugly? Mr. Chiang Yee, a Chinese who has lived here some time, does not think so. In a recently published book: "The Silent Traveller in London," he praises the fogs because they encourage him to use his imagination. Londoners in this "yellowish grey and sometimes blackish" mist appear to him to be "all lovely creatures, with nice-looking faces, very friendly...." It seems to me, as a Londoner, that even a "smog" can have its advantages!

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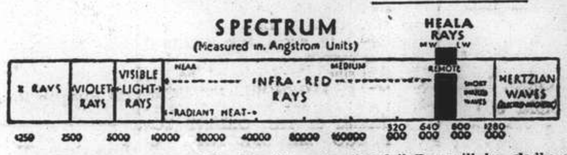

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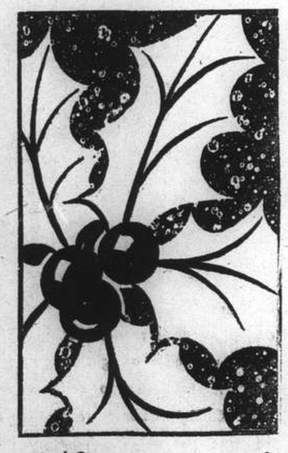

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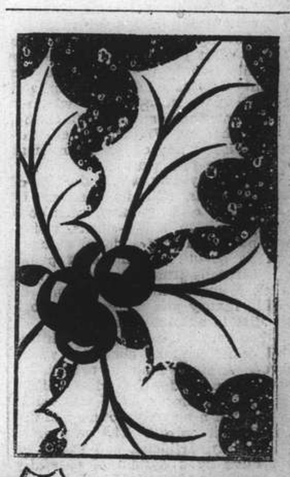


Camera Snaps Christmas Events

The Lost Art of Walking

American People Prefer Motor Cars to "Shanks's Mare"; Hollywood Unreceptive to Peiping Visitor

Mr. W. Lewisohn, Peiping correspondent of the "North-China Daily News," has described some of his impressions of the United States in previous issues. This article is the third of the series. The fourth and concluding one will appear in these columns shortly.

FROM New York I went by way of Washington and Chicago to the Grand Canyon. As I only stayed a day at each of these cities I have nothing much to tell of them. I spent a very strenuous day sightseeing in Washington, and from what I did see of it was much taken with it. Its broad avenues, fine parks, palatial public buildings give the town an air of spaciousness and dignity.

The newly erected government offices were remarkable specimens of architecture well suited to their beautiful setting. Washington has all the appearance of a great capital. There was one thing that surprised me about it: the number of negroes one saw about everywhere and the almost sub-tropical vegetation.

The rail journey across the States, at least by the line I took, the Santa Fe route, was not very interesting. Wide plains broken occasionally by bare rolling hills, while the only buildings one saw were ugly houses built of planks. What struck me more than anything was the complete absence of villages, in the English sense of the term. The greater part of this territory has been settled now for close on a hundred years, so that "new country," which is the usual explanation offered for any lack of picturesqueness or architectural beauty, can scarcely apply to the prevalence of these hundreds of thousands of hideous plank houses, often in a most dilapidated condition.

The Grand Canyon, with its marvellous colouring of the different strata of rock, is very fine and well worth a short visit. But it can be short: one day is quite sufficient, as one can see all there is to be seen in a walk along the rim. Led astray by the glowing descriptions of advertising pamphlets I wasted a second day there which I could much better have employed in visiting some other spot.

On this second day I did the trip by mule-back down into the canyon to the gorges of the Colorado River. Having done many miles on mule-back in China, this particular form of transport was scarcely a novelty for me.

Decision to Walk

When I decided to get off and walk, much to the surprise of the other members of the party, a bright young thing suggested that I must be unused to "riding," as she called it. It never seemed to occur to any of them that one might prefer to walk, just for the sake of walking. That form of exercise seems to be falling into disuse in modern America. But of that more anon.

The somewhat wearisome trek down to the river and back which takes over six hours I found hardly worth the trouble. In the first place one loses sight of the walls and dimensions of the canyon, and in the second place the gorges of the Colorado River did not seem to me anything very remarkable; I have seen finer ones in the Western Hills near Peiping.

The good citizens of Los Angeles, my next stop, are very proud of their city. Among other things they boast that it is the largest city in the world, in size, with an area of nearly 50 square miles. This may well be so, to judge from its lay-out, with its hundreds of petrol-stations, thousands of little boarded houses and its "trailer counts," dumped down over the countryside, apparently without design or plan.

These "trailer courts" are said to be quite a feature of California. They are enclosures containing dozens of caravan-trailers, one packed close to the other, the owners paying a small rent for the use of the ground and living here as in permanent residence. They were proudly pointed out to me as a very modern development, the latest achievement of automobile life, which enables one to change one's surroundings at will. To me who has seen many gypsy encampments at home, they seemed, on the contrary, rather a retrograde step.

Show Place of Los Angeles

Beverley Hills, where the film stars live, as also those other strange mortals whose one delight and aim in life it is to bask in the rays of these stars, is the show place of Los Angeles, I spent a whole morning walking round, and even then did not do the whole of it. Every quarter of a mile or so I came across a hawker offering a special map for sale, showing where each of the stars resided. But I was not a sufficiently loyal film fan to think it worth the 50 cents they asked for the map, and so shall now never know whether I really saw the home of Greta Garbo, Norma Shearer, William Powell, Robert Taylor or any of the other Great Ones of the film world.

Undoubtedly this whole district of Beverley Hills, with its hundreds of fine houses, often palaces, each containing its own tennis-courts, swimming-pool, and half a dozen garages, with its beautiful avenues of palms and carefully-trimmed grass lawns, makes a wonderful impression of wealth, luxury and material comfort. But that is absolutely all.

It has very little unity of architectural design and no character whatsoever. A strange air of artificiality seems to pervade the whole place, and I felt at times as if I was walking through a moving picture and not in a real city at all. The very grass is, so to say, artificial, and has to be kept alive by a system of carefully laid pipes underneath the sods with hidden taps scattered about the lawn which are turned on when the grass has to be watered. Even the gardeners working in these beautiful gardens seemed to me unreal, as they drove up to the front door in their high-powered cars and took out of the back seat their rakes, hoes and other tools. One almost expected to see a car drive up with the Seven Dwarfs inside.

Slums of the City

As a contrast to this earthly paradise I took a walk in the back blocks of Los Angeles where I saw some of the worst slums I have ever seen in my life. It is a commonplace, of course, that there would be no pleasure without pain, no virtue without vice, and I suppose that somebody has got to pay for the virtues and pleasures of the Hollywood gods. But of the real Hollywood—I mean the studios—I can tell you nothing, because, although I had two introductions, and after some considerable difficulty managed to get them into the hands of very superior lady secretaries, it almost reminded me of my adventures in Chinese yamens when seeking an interview. Although I spent three unprofitable days waiting about for the Olympians to make up their minds. I never heard their decision.

I went down to San Diego, the naval base of the light cruiser squadron and stayed at Coronado Beach with some old friends from Peiping. Coronado is a perfectly delightful spot and I greatly envied them living in such a beautiful paradise. Yet such is the spirit of divine discontent in man that my friends and other old acquaintances whom I had known in Peiping were loud in their expressions of envy that I was returning to that delectable city. All my efforts to presuade them that it was no longer the perfect paradise that they pictured to themselves and that they were much better off in Coronado fell on completely deaf ears.

In Yosemite Valley

On the way to San Francisco I turned off to visit the Yosemite Valley, a very beautiful national park with grand mountain scenery. The Yosemite Lodge Hotel where I stayed the night provides mediocre accommodation in wooden huts, poorly furnished and without baths or running water; one had to fetch one's cold and hot water from a tap outside some way away. I am quite accustomed to the "simple life", and have no objection to it as such, but then it should not be charged for at high-class hotel rates—G$3.25 (or nearly 15s.) for this very primitive accommodation struck me as altogether excessive.

Having learned from my experiences at the Grand Canyon, I spent only 24 hours at Yosemite, nor did I participate in any sightseeing tours. Instead, I did two long climbs by myself, of about six and four hours. And in the course of both those long walks I did not meet a single hiker. At the top of some climb or other spot, which was also accessible by motor-road, one met crowds of visitors who had come all the way round by car to enjoy the fine views. But on the mountains's sides one saw nobody.

Five Minutes by Car

When I asked at the hotel how to get to a place less than a mile away the manager did not reply "It takes twenty minutes to walk there." Nor, knowing that I was not doing a sight-seeing tour, did he ask me whether I had come in my own car. He at once assumed that I had one and replied "It'll take you five minutes in your car." According to statistics that were drummed into my head over and over again, every one person in three possesses a car in the States. And in California, the proportion, I should imagine, must be still higher. It almost seems as if the Americans are rapidly losing the art of walking.

S.V.C. Routine Orders

Weapon Training — Classification:—Marksmen—(Table "B"):—The undermentioned has Classified as Marksman for the Training Season 1938-39:—Transport Company—Lieutenant W. C. Sangster. Rifle:—The undermentioned have qualified on "30 yards Range":—Transport Company.—Lieut. D. S. McI Fraser, Pte. J. Michelovsky, Cpl. M. Gotfried, Pte. A. J. Korniloff, Cpl. J. D. Mackenzie, Pte. E. G. Ross, Pte. W. G. Grout, Pte. G. A. Roza, Pte. V. Joukoff, Pte. A. Sienkievich, Pte. G. F. Jovino.

Headquarters Offices—Closing of:—All offices at Corps Headquarters will be closed from 12 noon Saturday December 31 to 9 a.m. Wednesday January 4. Any matter of an urgent nature occurring during this period will be dealt with by the Officer on duty who may be communicated with by ringing up in the first instance telephone number 12879.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—American Troop.—Tpr. C. G. Flook November 2. Corps Troops:—Armoured Car Co.—Pte. R. E. Moon December 14. "B" Battalion:—American Company.—Pte. L. F. Roth December 19. Philippine Company.—Pte. A. Mata December 19. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Troops:—Armoured Car Co.—Cpl. J. W. Ephgrave Dec. 21. Cpl. F. J. Robinson Dec. 21. Pte. W. G. Lamb Dec. 21. "A" Battalion:—"A" Company.—Cpl. A. C. C. Moore Dec. 20.

CONTRACT

By Albert H. Morehead

(In the New York "Times")

Tricky bidding and play feature the following hand from a highstake experts' game. West's deceptive bidding first put North and South in a bad contract, but clever declarer's play enabled them to emerge without too much damage.

North: ♠ 9 5 3 ♡ J 7 4 ◇ A 5 ♣ Q 8 7 5 2

West: ♠ A 8 7 6 2 ♡ 3 ◇ 9 8 3 ♣ A K 4 3

East: ♠ 4 ♡ A 10 9 8 5 2 ◇ K J 10 6 4 ♣ J

South: ♠ K Q J 10 ♡ K Q 6 ◇ Q 7 2 ♣ 10 9 6

East dealt, North-South having 90 on score and East-West having 60. Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 Heart	1 Spade	Pass	Pass
2 Diamonds	Pass	Pass	2 Spades
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West did not fear to pass South's one-spade bid, feeling sure that his partner would make some other bid to prevent too cheap a North-South game contract, and that North-South would then bid again to prevent East-West from taking the game with a part-score contract. If West had doubled one spade, he would have lost the almost sure opportunity to double a higher contract.

At two spades doubled, West opened the three of hearts, and East took the ace and led back a low heart for West to ruff. West now took the club ace and led a low club, which East ruffed. Another heart lead and a ruff by West gave the defenders their fifth trick. West was now afraid to cash his high club, for fear dummy's set-up suit would give South diamond discards; so West led a diamond.

Although it seemed almost impossible to avoid losing a diamond and a club rick, in addition to the spade ace, South took his one chance. He put up dummy's diamond ace, then led another diamond from dummy, and when East played the king South dropped his queen. This led East to believe that South had no more diamonds, and East led another heart in the hope that West could overruff dummy's nine of trumps. The heart lead permitted South to discard his losing club while dummy trumped with the spade nine. There now remained only to give up a trick to the spade ace. South went down 500 points, less 100 for honours, which was not an undue loss when one considers East-West could have made two diamonds and taken the rubber.

An Unusual Raise

Raising partner's suit with only three small trumps, when he has not bid the suit more than once, is usually avoided by good players. There are some hands, however, on which such a raise is a winning bid. The following deal, played in a St. Louis duplicate game, is an example:

North: ♠ 8 7 2 ♡ K 10 4 ◇ A K Q 7 6 ♣ 9 5

West: ♠ K ♡ A 9 5 3 ◇ J 5 2 ♣ K 10 8 7 2

East: ♠ J 9 4 3 ♡ Q J 8 6 ◇ 3 ♣ Q J 6 4

South: ♠ A Q 10 6 5 ♡ 7 2 ◇ 10 9 8 4 ♣ A 3

North dealt, with East-West vulnerable. The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 Diamond	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
1 No trump	Pass	3 Diamonds	Pass
3 Spades	Pass	4 Spades	Pass
Pass	Pass		

A rebid of three spades, instead of three diamonds, by South might have made North's course easier. Many good players would pass the three-diamond bid with North's hand. North decided to take a chance, and South thereby reached a game contract, which he made.

West opened the seven of clubs the worst lead from South's standpoint. East's jack forced the ace South immediately led a heart, for if he would have to lose two heart tricks he would then have to try to clear the trump suit without loss. West played a low heart, but dummy's king was put up and held the trick Now that he could afford to lose a trump trick, South led a low spade from dummy and played his ace When West's king dropped, South returned to dummy with a diamond finessed for the jack of spades, and gave East a lone spade trick. The defenders could also take a heart and a club, but could not defeat the contract.

An extraordinary railway accident was described at an inquiry at Hamilton, scottand on October 27 into the death of Alexander Gillespie, a guard of Motherwell. It was stated that on August 4 a freight train got out of control and ran into the back of a passenger train, standing in Wishaw South Station. The engine of the passenger train became uncoupled and ran away without the driver. At a speed of over sixty miles an hour it overtook and crashed into the back of another passenger train, interlocking with the guards van. Gillespie, the guard was thrown on the permanent way.

Snapshot Guild

So, here's sound advice. Do it now! Get yourself pencil and paper and work out a Christmas scenario, a series of pictures that will tell the whole Christmas story and give material for the pictorial Christmas book you have always wanted to make.

The first thing is a proper supply of supersensitive film and amateur flood or flash bulbs.

Don't skimp in planning your picture series. Remember, it's an occasion that comes only once in a year and even if the children are still young, they are growing up rapidly as far as Christmas is concerned.

You will want at least one picture—perhaps several—of the Christmas tree. If you use a self-timer, the whole family can appear in one picture. A flood bulb, tucked away in a corner of the fireplace, will give a proper firelight effect.

Then, there should be a pajama picture with the parents admonishing the children to go to bed and be good and stay there. There should be a picture of the children asleep.

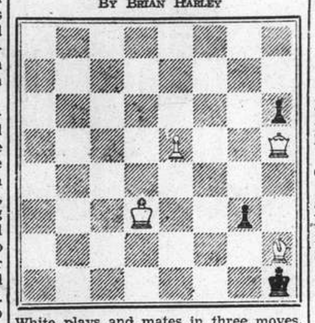
On Christmas morning, a picture of them peeping down the stairway. Joyous snaps as the new toys are discovered. A snap of father trying to put Junior's new train together—or of Junior struggling for a chance to play with it himself. Snaps of the Christmas dinner, the afternoon nap, the new sled getting a tryout..... There is material here for a whole album, a book for the years.

Watch your exposures, for these are pictures you do not want to miss. Inexpensive reflectors help increase and control the light. With a box camera at its largest lens opening, you can take snapshots using supersensitive film and two big No. 2 flood bulbs in cardboard reflectors, three and four feet from the subject. For the Christmas tree, which is dark, use three bulbs, or more if it is a large tree and the lights have to be farther back from it. And where possible, try to arrange a balanced lighting, without harsh black shadows, for these especially injure a child picture.

CHESS

PROBLEM No. 140

By Brian Harley



White plays and mates in three moves.

Only the key (White's first move), or claim of no solution, is required of all solvers.

Answer to Problem No. 139

White: K on Q8; R on KKt4; B's on QR1, KB3; Kt on Q7; P on K2. Black: K on Q3; B on KKt8; P's on QKt4, Q4, K3, KB5. Two moves. Key P—K4 Threat 2. P—K5.

Black	White
1. QP × P e.p.	2. B — K5
1. BP × P e.p.	2. R × P
1. P — K4	2. R — Kt6

All other Black moves, including K—B3, allow the threat, P—K5. A neat study in the curious en passant Pawn capture. Novices are reminded that the Black P comes down on the square which it would occupy if the White P had moved one square only, i.e., to K3. In the variation 1. BP × P e.p, the P creates a selfinterference, shutting off the Black B's control of the QP.

The following submitted correct solutions to Prob. No. 139:—J. Lawrence Rozario, J. Lindner L, de Sa, Donald and Harley Roberts, J. Collaço, N. G. Pippides and C.R.D.

From the Plymouth Congress

Nimzowitsch Defence

White Alekhine	Black Milner-Barry
1. P — Q4	Kt — KB3
2. P — QB4	P — K3
3. Kt — QB3	B — Kt5
4. Kt — B3	P — QKt3
5. B — Kt5	B — Kt2
6. P — K3	P — KR3
7. B — R4	Castles
8. B — Q3	P — Q4
9. P × P	Q × P (a)
10. B × Kt	P × B
11. P — K4	Q —KR4 (b)
12. P — Kt4!	Q — Kt3
13. Q — K2	Kt — Q2
14. P — KR4	P — QB4
15. Castles Q	P × P
16. Kt × P	Kt — B4
17. P — B3 (c)	Kt × B ch
18. Q × Kt	KR — Q1
19. Q — Kt5	B × Kt (d)
20. P × B	QR — B1
21. K — Kt2	R — B4
22. Q — R4	R — QR4
23. Q — Kt4	R — QB4 (e)
24. Kt × P (f)	R × R
25. R × R	P × Kt
26. R — Q 8 ch	K — Kt2
27. R — Q7ch	K — Kt1
28. R × B	Q — K1
29. K — B2 (g)	Q — R1
30. R — Q7	Q — Kt1
31. Q — Q4	Q — R7 ch
32. K — Q3	Q × KRP
33. R — Q8 ch	Resigns (h)

(a) Hazardous, since his K side becomes broken. Why not P × P?

(b) The Q has not much future on this rank.

(c) After this consolidation, the Black Q is little more than a spectator, and the odds are naturally on White.

(d) As Mr. Milner-Barry has pointed out, B — B4 is better; he might then be able to get some attack by advancing the Q side P's.

(e) There would be a little fun for Black in B × P, 24. P × B, Q × KP; but it would not last long against careful play.

(f) The break-up, when the White mobilization makes itself felt.

(g) To counter R — QKt5.

(h) Mate follows in two moves.

A Short Game

Caro-Kann.

White Alekhine	Black Bruce
1. P — K4	P — QB3
2. Kt — QB3	P — Q4
3. Kt — B3	P × P
4. Kt × P	B — B4 (a)
5. Kt — Kt3	B — Kt5
6. P — KR4	P — KR3
7. Kt — K5	B — R2
8. Q — R5	P — KKt3
9. B — B4!	P — K3
10. Q — K2	Kt — B3 (b)
11. Kt × KBP	K × Kt
12. Q × P ch	Resigns (c)

(a) Kt — B3 is better; the B is misplaced on this square.

(b) An oversight in a bad position.

(c) K — Kt2, 13. Q — B7 mate. A quick kill.—"Observer."

U.S. Atlantic Squadron Made Permanent

Announcement By Navy Department

Washington, Dec. 24.

The Navy Department announced yesterday that the recently created Atlantic Squadron will be "on a permanent basis until changed."

The Atlantic Squadron was formed during the Czechoslovak crisis.

Its enlargement from fourteen to about sixty warships was announced last October. The Squadron includes four battleships and operates under Rear-Admiral Johnson as Commander-in-Chief.—Reuter.

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CATHAY.—"Four Daughters."—What happens when four devoted sisters all fall in love with the same man? Fannie Hurst's latest and greatest story gives the answer in an absorbing human drama perfectly portrayed by Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane, Gale Page, Claude Rains, John Garfield, Jeffrey Lynn, May Robson and Frank McHugh.

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RIALTO.—"The Rage of Paris."—The escapades and struggles of Danielle Darrieux for security and a husband make hilarious and very human entertainment. The supporting cast includes Douglas Fairbanks, jun., Helen Broderick, Mischa Auer and Louis Hayward.

CAPITOL.—"Kidnapped."—Warner Baxter, Freddie Bartholomew and Arleen Whedan are featured in this virile drama, supported by C. Aubrey Smith, Reginald Owen and John Carradine.

Films Coming

"You Can't Take it With You."—Mr. High Pressure Moneybags pits himself against old Grandpa Take-It-Easy and learns in two hilarious hours that the best things of life are those that come free—Pulitzer Prize Winner with Jean Arthur, James Stewart, Lionel Barrymore, Edward Arnold, Mischa Auer, Ann Miller, Spring Byington, Samuel S. Hinds, Donald Meek and H. B. Warner. Soon at the **CATHAY.**

"Professor Beware."—Laughter unalloyed follows the wearer of those magic spectacles as Harold returns to the style of film that made him famous in silent days to give you his funniest picture. With Harold Lloyd, Phyllis Welch, Raymond Walburn, Lionel Stander, William Frawley and Thurston Hall. New Year feature at the **GRAND.**

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"Woman Against Woman."—The tale of a battle with no holds barred, for the body and soul of a man. The excellent cast includes Herbert Marshall, Virginia Bruce, Mary Astor, Janet Beecher, Marjorie Rambeau and Juanita Quigley. A booking at the **CATHAY.**

"I Am The Law."—Filmland's No. 1 gangster tries law enforcing for a change, bringing spectacular methods to light in breaking up a big city's crime ring. With Edward G. Robinson, Barbara O'Neil, John Beal, Wendy Barrie, Otto Kruger, Arthur Loft and Marc Lawrence. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"The Good Earth."—A distinguished and beautifully authentic production of Pearl Buck's novel. The story of the poor Chinese farmer's rise to wealth and power. The brilliant cast includes Paul Muni, Luise Rainer, Walter Connolly, Tilly Losch, Charley Grapewin, Jessie Ralph, and Keye Luke. A repeat show at the **METROPOL.**

"Divorce of Lady X."—Merle Oberon in a tragic mood, supported by Laurence Olivier, Binnie Barnes and Ralph Richardson. Next at the **CAPITOL.**

To Dine and Dance

ARCADIA.—Russian cuisine. Ermoll's orchestra. Sunday tea dance. Sokolsky and Kniazeff ballets.
CASANOVA—Apollo's Gauchos. Nick and Nora—Lora Grubel.
CATHAY HOTEL LOUNGE.—Morning and afternoon tea and cocktails.
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GAIETY.—Night club, Russian and foreign cusine. Floor show.
JESSFIELD CLUB.—Night club. Boder. Roth and Bulmer entertaining.
JIMMY'S—American style meals at all hours.
JOSE.—Cabaret. Blue bar.
MASKEE.—Night club. Sellers, Golshtein and Ardatoff entertaining.
METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.
PALACE HOTEL.—Tea lounge, snack counter and grill room. Music during tiffin, tea and dinner by a classical trio.
PALAIS CAFE.—Cabaret. Swing music. entertainment.
RENAISSANCE.—Night club. Russian and Caucasian cooking. Vertinsky.
ROXY.—Night club. Geza and Gino.
SUN YA.—Chinese delicacies at tiffin, tea and dinner.
TOWER.—Night club. Dancing at 9.30 p.m. Browning, and Benino and Bocharoff.
WINTER GARDEN.—Night club. Volsky's Midnight Follies. Nina Kellan's orchestra.

Theo Ullstein
Pianist at the Nursery, which opened on Thursday.

FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

"Little Miss Broadway"
Shirley Temple fans are getting a thrill in the current picture at the Grand Theatre. With the star are George Murphy, El Brendel, Jimmie Durante, Edna Mae Oliver and George Barbier.

"Four Daughters"
Priscilla Lane has the starring role at the Cathay Theatre today, supported by her sisters, Rosemary and Lola, and Gale Page, Claude Rains, John Garfield, Jeffrey Lynn, Mau Robson and Frank McHugh.

"That Certain Age"
Her legion of admirers are crowding the Nanking Theatre to see and hear Deanna Durbin in her latest starring role—also Jackie Cooper, John Halliday, Irene Rich and Melvyn Douglas.

"Carefree"
The smart dancers, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, are proving popular at the Metropol over these holidays. Among the associated players are Ralph Bellamy and Franklin Pangborn.

Russian New Year Eve

The traditional Russian New Year's Eve Ball which has been always given on January 13 by the Union of Russian Army and Navy men will this time take place at the Cercle Sportif Français.

The Ball committee is very busy preparing an interesting artistic programme with many ballet numbers and a special New Year show. Many well known cadet artistes and amateurs are rehearsing pretty ballet dances for the ball.

This ball is quite an event in the social life of Shanghai and one has every reason to suppose that the 1939 ball will be as brilliant as its predecessors.

The proceeds of the ball will go towards the upkeep of the Union's Shelter and Soup Kitchen for the poorest ex-service men and their families.

"The Adventures of Marco Polo"
Gary Cooper comes this week to the Metropol Theatre.

The Russian Ballet

Lovers of the refined art of ballet-dancing and symphony have a treat in store for them with Le Ballet Russe's new production, "Le Lac des Cygnes," symphonic ballet by Tschaikowsky which will be presented at the Lyceum Theatre on January 12, 14 and 15.

Most exquisite dancing, fascinating scenery of the Swan Lake, gorgeous costumes and beautiful music of Tschaikowsky will combine to create an unforgettable picture. The well established reputation of the Russian Ballet for producing the most accomplished shows should be of sufficient inducement not to miss one of these performances.

Three evening and one matinee performance are announced. Children again will be admitted at reduced prices to the matinee performance. Booking is open at Messrs. Moutrie's and at the theatre.

Jessfield Club Gala

As usual the Jessfield Club will be the centre of attractions during the holidays, with Eddie and George at the pianos, and the inimitable Johnny and Jerry to entertain you. The management has arranged a special entertainment and is pleased to announce that one of the famous singers of this city will entertain. To make the holidays more enjoyable, novelties, crackers, noise-makers, and hats will be distributed. No Christmas or New Year's Eve would be complete for the average "night-lifer" unless he visits the Jessfield Club before "turning in." The Club has an enjoyable floor show. As for those who like to have a good dinner in a home-like atmosphere, with Russian zakhuska, caviare, and good Caucasian wine, the Daryal Restaurant will serve delicious dinners during the holidays.

Municipal Orchestra's Christmas Concert

For the special Christmas Concert to be given tomorrow in the Lyceum Theatre at 3 p.m. by the Municipal Orchestra, a special programme of Carols and Folk Songs has been arranged with the collaboration of various choruses from the principal Schools in Shanghai.

Two special numbers are also included in the programme; Mrs. P. D. G. Gain will sing three songs for the children, accompanied at the piano by Miss Leyda Pezzini, and four boys from the American School who have organized a clarinet quartette will render two selections. It is expected that many children will attend this concert and enjoy it.

The full programme follows:—

1.—A Children's Overture ....R. Quilter
for Small Orchestra
2.—(a) We Three Kings of Orient are.
(b) The Virgin's Cradle Song.
(c) A Christmas Song.
Mixed Chorus from the Public and Hanbury School for Girls.
3.—(a) Cradle Song
(b) Ye Angelus Bell
Soloist: Betty Umpleby
(c) Christians Awake
Mixed Chorus from the Cathedral School for Girls.
4.—(a) The Grasmere Carol.
(b) Tyrley Tyrlow.
Mixed Chorus from the Yu Yuen Road Public School for Girls.
5.—(a) Gloria (from Mozart's Twelfth Mass)
(in Chinese)
(b) Arise! Shine!
Mixed Chorus from the Secondary School for Chinese Girls.
6.—Three Songs with Piano acc.
(a) Vespers
(b) Wind on the Hill.
(c) The New Umbrella.
Soloist: Mrs. P. D. G. Gain
At the Piano: Miss Leyda Pezzini

INTERVAL

1.—Quartette of Clarinets
(a) Adagio from "Faust" ...Gounod
(b) Murmuring Breezes .....Round
Performers:
Masters: Paul Donnelson, John Roberts, Robert McMullen and Hundley Wiley.
From the Shanghai American School
2.—(a) Ich Sten an Deiner Krippe Hier
(b) Nun Singet und seid Froh.
(c) Ehre sei Gott in Hohe.
Mixed Chorus from the Kaiser Wilhelm Schule.
3.—(a) In Excelsis Gloria.
(b) Myn Lyking.
(c) New Prince, New Pomp.
Mixed Chorus from the Cathedral School for Boys.
4.—(a) Tous les Bourgeois de Chatres
(b) Voyage a 'Bethleem.
Mixed Chorus from the College Municipal Francaise.
5.—(a) The Lark.
(b) Polka Dancing Song.
(c) New Year's Hymn.
Mixed Chorus from the Russian Commercial School.
6.—"Holy Night"
To be sung by the massed choruses

"The Divorced Wife"

The Russian Light Opera will present Leo Fall's "The Divorced Wife" in the Lyceum Theatre on January 5, 7 and 8, with virtually the entire company taking part. This musical hit is better known in Great Britain and America as "The Girl in the Train." B. Seroff will direct the production.

Bitner and Zorich play the leading feminine roles, while Rosen, Valin and Kudinoff have the masculine leads. A special ballet is being incorporated, Manjelei having the principal role.

Winter Garden's Christmas

The Winter Garden last night catered to a capacity crowd celebrating the occasion and presented a floor show featuring Volsky's Midnight Follies, supported by Tommy and Jimmy, Tod Sanborn, Sid Kamau and Tania and Irene, with Nina Claire presented her own original dance, "The Singapore Blues." At midnight the entire array of artistes presented a Christmas number which was well received. A feature of the holiday programme is a marimba selection played by five persons. Nina Kellan's American orchestra provides music for dancing. A special dinner will be served on New Year's Eve.

"Professor Beware"
Harold Lloyd comes soon to the Grand Theatre.

Holiday Entertainment

In addition to Nick and Nora, headliners of the floor show, extra entertainment will be presented during the holidays by the management of the Casanova Ballroom. The cabaret is one of the very few in Shanghai employing only foreign hostesses and remaining open all night. On holidays nights patrons will be given noisemakers, souvenirs, paper hats and toys.

If there's one man in Hollywood who can claim to be a veteran in motion pictures, he is Allan Dwan. When he starts direction of "The Three Musketeers," starring the Ritz Brothers and Don Ameche, he will be working on his 850th picture. Dwan began his career 30 years ago, making one and two-reelers. In those early days, he turned out as many as thirty pictures a year before he graduated to full-length features.

Musicians at D.D.'s
Teddy and Ferry continue to regale patrons of this dining and dancing establishment.

Del Monte Christmas

The popularity of the Del Monte was attested to yesterday at the establishment's Christmas Party, patrons in large numbers responding. Special times on the entertainment programme were distinctive to the occasion and were heartily encored, while the genial personality of the management was in evidence. The crowd remained until the wee small hours of the morning. It is announced that steps are being taken to ensure a still more successful function at the observance of the New Year.

Shirley's Xmas Cards

Shirley Temple has become a Christmas card artist. And charity will benefit handsomely as a result. At the suggestion of Jean Hersholt, the stars of Hollywood will this year use a uniform Christmas greeting card instead of ones of individual design. The drawing and lettering for the card will be performed by Shirley. And the entire profit from the sale of the cards will be given to the Motion Picture Relief Fund.

New Method of Star Choosing

Hollywood Studios Prefer To Give One Individual Full Responsibility

Star-finding in Hollywood is at last becoming a one-man job—as it always should have been, writes Harold Heffernan to the "Oregonian."

Too many judges, with conflicting ideas on what is talent and what is beauty, have been sitting in judgment over the screen tests of Hollywood aspirants. Seldom are they in agreement. The easiest way, then, is to turn the aspirant loose. And far too often these discarded hopefuls have been picked up at other studios, to be pushed into the front box-office line—much to the chagrin of the lot that had first call and kicked its chances away.

Hedy Lamarr almost slipped out of M.-G.-M.'s clutches last summer because an executive committee could't get an unanimous opinion on her prospects. Some thought she had beauty and little talent. Others believed she was bereft of both. If it hadn't been for a lucky loan-out trip and an appearance in "Algiers," Hedy's option might have lapsed.

Her case repeats itself in a less conspicuous way almost every day in the studios, where dozens of tests flicker before the eyes of producers, directors and talent hunters. Some like blondes and others don't. Tall girls and short girls have their backers and their knockers. It requires a trained eye and ear to sense the potential ability that may lurk in a nervous youngster undergoing his or her first bid for a career—and, unfortunately, the average studio committee is not equipped to offer more than a surface appraisal. The slightest disagreement usually results in flat rejection. Thus peace is maintained in the studio family—and it's usually a 500-to-1 gamble that the applicant wouldn't pan out anyway.

Talent Appraisal System

But mistakes have been cropping up with such alarming frequency that practically every studio in Hollywood has discarded the old committee form of appraisal to vest entire responsibility for talent finding in one man.

Gary Cooper, Katharine Hepburn, Bette Davis, Clark Gable, Frederic March, Fred MacMurray and Bing Crosby are a few top notchers of today who were stamped as impossible by studio screen-testing committees and turned away, only to be retrieved later when their prospects were recognized by trained talent hunters acting as one-man juries.

When Hepburn arrived in Hollywood she was interviewed by a board of seven studio executives. Two saw possibilities and wanted to put her to more extensive tests. But the majority ridiculed her slacks, her unkempt hair, her large freckles and her powder-bare face. One said she was "hopeless and would never be a star in 100 years!" Paramount bigwigs wanted to turn Fredric March loose, saying he would never do because he had absolutely no appeal for women.

The talent head of one major studio, who passes final judgment on all prospects himself and who is credited with more star discoveries in the past three years than any competitor, says it is impossible for any group of men to agree on the merits of a newcomer "any more than six men can agree upon whose girl is the best-looking."

Preston Foster, who recently completed a featured part in "Submarine Patrol" for 20th Century-Fox, has been assigned a leading role in the next "Camera Daredevils" picture which is before the cameras. No title has been given the film, second in the new 20th Century-Fox series.

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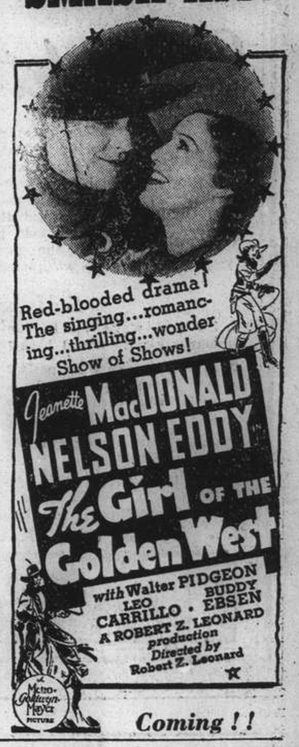

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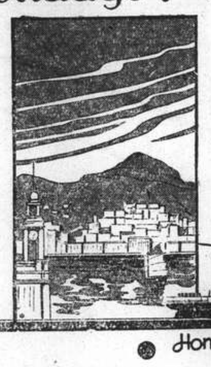

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The family of the late Mr. CHUN BING-HIM, (陳炳謙) wishes to thank sincerely all friends, relatives, clubs and organizations which sent flowers, scrolls, tokens and donations, etc. The family also thanks those who attended the Memorial Service held in the Hsuchow Club, 263 Kweichow Road, on December 24, 1938, and for the kind tributes paid to the late Mr. Chun Bing-him. - 6989

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CHRISTMAS DAY, 1938

BY SHAVIAN

"Peace on Earth and Goodwill towards Men"

Today is Christmas Day. It is a happy festival which softens many hearts with its message of good cheer and yet this year the celebrations, while they will not lack the sincerity of former years, come at a time when the world is strangely sick and apprehensive of what the future holds in store. While the Christian nations of the world today will pray on bended knee in their cathedrals and churches and give thanks to God for the birth of the Holy Child, Jesus, who by his Supreme Sacrifice decreed that mankind would be saved from the fate of its inhuman acts, there hovers in the background the spectre of countries torn by war, whole cities razed to the ground and large populations, including women and children, homeless and sick as the great demon of blood and steel spreads his ever devouring meshes to envelop the green countryside and busy towns. Spain, in the third year of a deadly struggle in which neighbour fights with neighbour, China entering the second year of a bloody war which has laid in waste vast tracts of abundantly fertile territory and has seen the destruction of the homes of its people, and in Europe the grim spectre of nation arming against nation, matching might against might, in preparation for a struggle which is bound to burst upon the world with volcanic force unless reason prevails over madness. Such are the signs at this Christmas period when prayers for the safety of the world must be allied with the thanks of all Christian peoples for God's gift of Jesus Christ. It is at this period that the message "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Towards Men" must be transmitted from ear to ear and from nation to nation so that there never shall be a repetition of those dark days from 1914-1918.

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Christmas is a happy festival though. It is a holiday. It provides an excuse for spending more than one can afford and eating more than one can digest; but it provides for something far more important, the opportunity for showing goodwill, for being natural. People are more natural at Christmas, much more themselves, more human and much less mechanical. In Shanghai, in London, in New York and other great centres throughout the world there is a difference in the atmosphere at this festive time. One is jostled and pushed inside the huge stores thronged with late shoppers—and nothing is more hurtful than the female elbow when its owner is bent on making a purchase—but one smiles, and after woefully picking up one's hat trodden into an unrecognizable mass by hundreds of dainty (or otherwise) feet the Christmas sentiment banishes away forever all malicious thoughts and in their place comes "Well it's time I had a new hat anyway." And so it goes on, for after all there is no malice abroad today. The same air prevails in the streets, on the buses and trams, in the tubes. Happiness is part of Christmas, and although the old fashioned Yule log has given way to the electric fire and snow is a rarity—when it does fall it is instantly dark greyish slush—that happiness is still left and so it will remain forever.

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Christmas, too, is a time for memories. There may be a longing, there may be some regret, and in Shanghai there must be many hearts which yearn for a Christmas to be spent at Home, sitting round the fireside with the old people and recounting the old times which one knew as a child or as a young man or woman ready to start out in life. Such things must be, however, if the world is to continue and after all in these days of rapid transit they are not so far away. One's thoughts on a day like this are with others and one thinks only of the joy one can bring by some kindhearted deed, which brings in its wake the satisfaction of knowing that at least someone appreciates the little that has been done to conform to the real spirit of Christmas. It is a pity that this friendliness, which pervades whole households on a day such as this, is absent from the governing centres of our world Powers. The world would be a better place if Christmas came every day.

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Illustrating the friendly atmosphere which Christmas induces, to the exclusion of all bitter thoughts and malice, comes a story from war-ridden Spain as told by a soldier in General Franco's army. In a battle fought during this festive season a priest on the insurgents' side regularly said the evening rosary with his men and it was followed by three "Ave Marias" for "our fallen." One evening in the later stages of the battle the usual ritual was followed, but when the priest announced the "Ave Marias," instead of the usual response there was dead silence. He announced them again with the same result. Then a private stepped forward. "We want it different," he said, "we want for our fallen and their fallen." The priest agreed and so it was thereafter. Thus the Christmas spirit indicated that there may be some basis for union after all below the hideous surface of the civil war.

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It was so during the Great War when British "Tommies" and German soldiers exchanged cigarettes as Christmas dawned upon the gory battlefields of Flanders. On the morrow they were killing each other again, not because they wanted it that way but because they had been forced to resort to this inhuman brutality by those in authority over them. At such a time as this it is well to reflect and consider the utter futility of war and all that follows in its train—ruin, desolation, families in sorrow and no victors, for was a victory ever won on the battlefield? Christmas is fleeting, however, and the thoughts of today will be forgotten tomorrow for man is a fickle animal. "Keep alive this Yuletide spirit" should be a watchword among all nations and war will be banished forever.

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For the young people Christmas is the ideal holiday. For them it brings the thoughts of toys, a box of soldiers for Billy and a doll for his little sister, and for those just reaching adolescence there are the countless parties with mistletoe and the promise of finding a happy flirtation. "Plenty to eat and away with all cares" will be their slogan and to their parents will come untold joy as they meet them late in the evening and see the happy glow on their smiling faces as they recount the doings of the day. Christmas is the finest time of the year, for it is a day of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill towards Men."

Wisdom from the Weeklies

Australian Battleship The statement that the Government of Australia is considering the purchase of a battleship from Great Britain, says "Truth," may well be true, in any event the word "considering" forms a non-committal introduction to many newspaper "stories." One version is that the Commonwealth will acquire a new 16-inch gun battleship (there will be none completed in this country under at least three years); another version is that she will take over one of the "modernized" wartime ships. The suggestion is that this lonely monster will be based on Singapore to co-operate with the British Navy, which has no battleships east of Suez, in all plans for the defence of Australia. We may take it for granted that the Australian Government will be wisely advised by its Naval Board and that "consideration" will be influenced by strategical conclusions in which doubtless the Admiralty will have a voice.

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Popular Sports Which do you suppose are the more popular—League football matches, or museums and art galleries? asked Evelyn Montague in the course of his weekly talk, "The Week in London," says the "National." The London Passenger Transport Board has just produced estimates of the number of people in London who went (a) to League football matches, and (b) to museums and art galleries in the last year. Which number do you suppose was the greater? Guess. Ready? Well, they were almost exactly the same, about 7,000,000 each; the football matches were just ahead. And which of these attracted most people—West End theatres and cinemas (West End only) or horse and dog racing? The theatres and cinemas won easily, 40 million to 15 million. How many people go from London to Epsom on Derby Day? A quarter of a million, and three out of four of them go by road. There are quite a lot of other interesting figures of how we live and what we do in the Board's report. I think the nastiest one of the lot, is this: every man, woman and, child in London rides in a bus or tram or train 441 times a year. Why on earth don't we sit still and be comfortable? Incidentally we're travelling more every year, but we're losing less property as we go. But London still loses about 60,000 umbrellas a year, in spite of Mr. Chamberlain's example.

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Cadbury Scheme The announcement by Mr. L. J. Cadbury, managing director of Cadbury Bros., that that well-known firm had decided to inaugurate a scheme of children's allowances, comes at a time when interest is focussed on the subject from many angles, points out the "Spectator." Public concern with nutrition, particularly of children, has been greatly increased as the realization has grown that a part at least of the nation's bill of £300,000,000 for ill-health would be saved if all parents could afford to provide their children with adequate and suitable food. Under the Cadbury scheme, in addition to ordinary wages every employee with more than two children will receive a uniform allowance of five shillings a week for each additional child under eighteen who has not yet left school. This will alleviate the strain on the worker's income at a time when many families find difficulty in making both ends meet. Compulsory social insurance and various voluntary schemes already lighten the burdens of sickness, unemployment and old age. The community has a right to demand that those who undertake to bring up children at a time when we are faced with a falling birth-rate should receive every encouragement. The problem is one which will clearly have to be tackled on a national scale, and reliance cannot be placed on a mere addition to wages by a benevolent employer, any practical scheme must avoid creating a situation in which it is the employers' interest to prefer unmarried men.

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Anglo-U.S. Commerce It would be too much to say that the Anglo-American Trade Pact represents a decisive departure from either the sky-high Smoot-Hawley tariff or the principle of ring-fencing the British Empire consecrated at Ottawa, intimates the "New Statesman and Nation." Nevertheless, within the limitations imposed by strongly entrenched interests and by the handicap of inherited, Most Favoured Nation obligations, the agreement is on sound lines. The negotiations had to face the problem that America's concessions to Britain could not concede lower duties in favour of American produce save at the expense, to some extent, of Canada. The solution is adroit. British duties on American wheat, lard, soft timber, apples and a few manufactured specialities, are lowered; a pledge is given not to tax raw cotton or increase, until 1942 at least, the existing preference on Empire tobacco; and Britain gives up certain preferences in Canada and the Colonies, in favour of American cars. In return, the United States tariff is stabilized in favour of British made spirits and reduced in the case of a number of manufactures—notably textiles, but including also textile machinery, pottery, boots and shoes. To round off the deal, America promises either to reduce, in some cases, or, in most, not to increase her tariff against British Colonial produce, while Canada gets a more advantageous commercial agreement with the U.S.A. It may be doubted whether the pact will lead to a dramatic increase of trade between the United States and the British Commonwealth, but its conclusion is a welcome earnest of Anglo-American friendship.

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Fishing Stories Lots of fishermen are prepared to battle with the man who said that he did not believe the story of the lady who landed a 50 lb. salmon with trout tackle, says Kim in the "Statesman." He really is a fisherman of Chindwara who says that a friend of his, fishing in the Sardah river, landed a 28 lb. mahseer on a Hardy's "Guinea" greenheart trout rod. The "Guinea" is really his cheapest rod and is meant for the use of boys. The biggest fish does not always put up the biggest fight. A great deal depends on the condition of the fish and strength of the current. Very often a fish goes mad when hooked, and if he is backed by heavy water nothing will hold him. The murral is looked up to as the best fresh-water fish for the table, and looked down upon, says my fisherman, as being nothing but a log when hooked. On several occasions my disciplinarian and cogitator has had the best of sport with múrral. The fish have flicked 60 yards off the reel and sprung repeatedly out of the water just as trout do. Weight for weight, these murral put up as good a scrap as any other fresh-water fish could do. Every fisherman has to tell one tall story. The one who has the ears of the tent at present supports his story with the statement that he can prove it by means of a photograph. It is that of the 1,300 lb. Tahitian marlin landed after seven hours. Proportionately the tackle used to kill this monster was no stronger than the tackle which landed the 50 lb. salmon. But wait. There is a P. S. In the Irrawaddy river, near Myitkyina, the controller referred to above hooked a mahseer of from 90 to a 100 lb. At no time did the fish run off more than 80 yards of line, though he was not treated roughly. At another time this fisherman has had very nearly double this length of line literally torn off the reel by a 26 lb. mahseer; so he repeats that not always does the biggest fish put up the biggest scrap.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 29.5	Max. 410.
Same date, 1937	Min. 41.0	Max. 53.0

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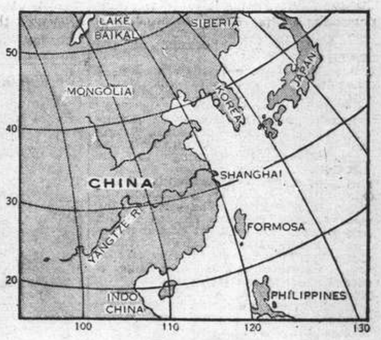
Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 29.3	Max. 41.0
Same date, 1937	Min. 43.7	Max. 46.2



Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 23rd:—Siberian anticyclone spreading over China. Depression to the West of Kiusiu moving East-North-East ward. Strong winter monsoon along the China Coast. Snow over the Yellow Sea. Cloudy and colder weather in China. Rainy over Kiusiu.

State on the morning of the 24th:—Pressure rather high and steady. West-North-Westerly breezes. Overcast and colder weather.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine to cloudy and cold weather with moderate to strong monsoon over Shantung, the Eastern Sea, our regions and Formosa. Depression crossing Mongolia East Ward.

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Miss Elise Kohler	$ 20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stanley Jenkins	$ 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ragi	$ 10.00
Mme. S. Lepreux	$ 5.00
Hugette Guillabert	$ 5.00
Anonymous	$ 20.00

Xmas Fund:—

Tomas' Sweep per J.C.B.	$ 5.00
"Rosslyn"	$ 50.00

TO THE JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN

An American Navy Wife	$ 25.00

TO THE SALVATION ARMY, CHINESE REFUGEE CHILDREN

An American Navy wife	$ 25.00

TO THE KING'S DAUGHTERS SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mellor, in lieu of Xmas Cards	$ 15.00

TO ST. TICHON'S ORPHANAGE

G. Norris	$ 10.00
Customs Club	$150.00
Rotary Club of Shanghai	$100.00

TO THE JEWISH REFUGEE FUND

A. B. Belbin	$ 25.00

TO THE ASSOCIATED FOREIGN CHARITIES

A. B. Belbin	$ 25.00
Anonymous	$ 50.00
G. C. Large	$ 25.00

TO THE RICKSHAW MISSION

A. L.	$ 5.00

TO THE DANUBE COUNTRIES WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Dr. Emoedi-Poryska	$ 5.00
Mrs. A. Grossmann	$ 10.00
Mrs. E. Kann	$ 10.00
Mrs. L. Haas	$ 10.00
Mrs. Dr. Kelen	$ 5.00
Mrs. R. Grohofsky	$ 5.00
Mrs. S. Hertzka	$ 5.00
Mrs. A. Komor	$ 10.00
Mrs. Dr. Lusztig	$ 10.00
Mrs. M. Mclennan	$ 5.00
Mrs. Por	$ 10.00
Mrs. G. Sator	$ 5.00
Mrs. G. Vajda	$ 10.00

TO ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTE

In Memory of Mr. H. Brouwett:—

Mme. Marcel Darré	$ 10.00

Tokyo Statement Said To Be "Generous"

Prince Konoye's Elaboration of Policy in China Greeted Well by Nanking; Kuomintang Politicians Asked to Join New Regimes

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

JAPAN'S terms for a settlement of the Sino-Japanese conflict are "astonishing" in their generosity, which has "no parallel in world history" the "Tokyo Nichi-Nichi" declared editorially yesterday commenting upon the Premier, Prince Konoye's statement of Thursday.

"The reason for such generosity," the daily declared "is because Japan has only the revival of East Asia in mind. She differs there in her attitude towards China with European and American Powers which regard China as a proper object of their voracity."

Describing China as the brother of Japan, the newspaper claimed that the latter was trying to bring back her errant relative "to the honourable way that leads to eternal peace and prosperity in East Asia."—Domei.

Nanking, Dec. 24.

Participation in the enterprise of building a new East Asia was offered by the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Central China to all Chinese, regardless of political colouring, in a statement issued here last night.

"The Japanese military command is always prepared to receive and shake hands with anyone whether or not affiliated with the Kuomintang or its armies, who are desirous of taking part in the huge task of reconstructing a new China," the statement read.

"For those emerging from the nightmare of futility and who have recognized the objectives of our sacred campaign, we are willing to accept our enemies of yesterday as our friends regardless of their previous stand."

The statement was issued in the form of a commentary to the manifesto of the Premier, Prince Konoye, at Tokyo on Thursday, setting forth the views of the Japanese command in China.

An Appropriate Measure

"The Government's statement elucidating the fundamental policies which will guide the readjustment of Japanese relations with a new China, is a most appropriate measure in view of the current situation.

"This, however, cannot be regarded as indicating any new developments occurring or any prospects of their taking place within the occupied areas of Central China," the statement said.

"Japanese forces are at present engaged in mopping-up operations against the Chinese troops remnants, who in the throes of their last breath, are about to be dealt a finishing blow.

"We are highly gratified with the work of the Reformed Government" composed of those very persons described in the Premier's statement as 'far-sighted Chinese who share in our ideals and aspirations'. It has in the last ten months accomplished much under the banner of anti-Communism and national salvation. We now find it about to take new large strides towards the creation of a new order, in concert with the "Provisional Government" of North China.

Nothing More to Be Done

"There is nothing more for the Japanese military forces here to accomplish other than firmly to assist those who share in our ideals and aspirations in their determination to push forward towards a bright future.

"In the light of successive formation of the Peace Maintenance Commissions within the Wuhan area, it is our earnest hope that their enterprise will be aided materially under the competent and safe administration of those enlightened persons.

"The Kuomintang Army command, which regarded Japan as an 'aggressor', behaved no better than an insatiable tyrant in misleading the innocent Chinese troops. It is undoubtedly at a loss to justify its fraud in the face of the clear and just enunciation of Prince Konoye's statement."—Domei.

Changchun Will Co-operate

Changchun, Dec. 24.

Manchoukuo will give all possible support and co-operation in reconstructing East Asia and regulating diplomatic relations with a "reborn China," the spokesman of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the Manchoukuo Government declared here yesterday in commenting on the statement issued by Prince Konoye in Tokyo on Thursday night.

"When the great work of East Asian reconstruction is being started we declare that the basic principle of Manchoukuo's foreign policy is to display to the fullest extent the true spirit underlying the inseparable alliance between Japan and Manchoukuo, which are of "one mind and one body," the spokesman said.

"We will co-operate with a new China in speedily building a new order in the spheres of politics, economics, and cultural works."—Domei.

Share Market Reacts

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

Bullish sentiment was injected into the stock market yesterday by the China policy statement of Premier Prince Ayamaro Konoye, with the result that gains of Y.05 to Y2 were registered over a wide front.

The reported flight from Chungking of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Vice-President of the Kuomintang and President of the Central Political Council, also caused a buying spurt.—Domei.

Difficulties Met by New Regime

Failure to Form Strong Federal Government Said Feature of Conference

Officials of both the "Provisional Government" in Peiping and the "Reformed Government" in Nanking are reported to be holding a joint meeting in the former city for the purpose of discussing a further increase of the Customs duty on foreign goods. Other important questions, including the strengthening of the two Chinese governments by giving more power to the new joint committee created by the two governments, will also be discussed.

Officials of the new Nanking regime occupying the key positions, including Mr. Liang Hung-chih, president of the Executive Yuan, are reported by the Chinese press to have already flown to Peiping where preliminary discussions are supposed to have taken place yesterday.

General Kita of the Japanese Special Service Section and General Doihara are stated to be participating in the discussions, offering whatever help they can in order to increase the strength of the two Chinese governments, as they have failed to organize a strong central Chinese government.

Divergence of Opinion

On this question there is a reported divergence of opinion among the Japanese and Chinese officials, the latter being strongly opposed to a proposal asking the Emperor of Manchoukuo to come over to Peiping. It would appear, it is stated, that since the Chinese officials are opposed to the move, Japanese authorities will have to be contented with the newly created joint committee of the two existing governments in the occupied territory.

As to the impending increase of the Customs duty, especially in northern ports, the matter has been much publicized by the Chinese press. An all-round increase of the tariff will be effected but in doing so particular attention will be paid to luxuries exported to this country by foreign countries excepting Japan, it is stated. Tobacco and wine will receive the most serious attention.

The two Chinese governments will increase the Customs duty at the alleged instigation of the Japanese, who wish to retaliate against the recent British and American loans granted to China. Foreign traders in China are said to be paying most serious attention to the question and Customs authorities are stated to be opposing the new move.

Tariff Revision Denied

Peiping, Dec. 24.

Reports current in foreign trading circles of an impending discriminatory revision of the Maritime Customs import tariff were emphatically denied by a spokesman for the "Provisional Government" here today. He asserted the reports were based "on conjecture, not on facts."

Japanese officials also professed to have no knowledge of a reported move by the Joint Commission of the "Reformed" and "Provisional Governments" to retaliate against British and American financial assistance to the regime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek by raising import duties against goods originating from those two countries.

Strong exception was taken by Chinese and Japanese officials to the report broadcast to the world by a German news service under a London dateline alleging that the "Provisional Government" had issued a decree "forbidding imports into North China of all non-Japanese goods." This report, made public by the agency in Shanghai and other points, was "killed" by the agency's representative here.

Never Broadcast

The report, as published in Shanghai, stated that "this new decree" had been announced by wireless.

Chinese officials in charge of broadcasting emphatically denied that such information had been put on the air. Also denied was the allegation contained in the German report that the "Provisional Government" had announced at the same time "that in future the money issued by them is valueless as payment for foreign-made goods."

Meantime, the third plenary meeting of the Joint Commission of the Peiping and Nanking régimes, scheduled to be held here tomorrow, was postponed until January.

The failure of the Nanking delegation to arrive, owing to a snowstorm in Tsingtao that held up the aeroplane in which it was travelling was blamed for the postponement.—Domei.

British Sea-Plane Hits Telephone Wire

Two Killed and One Injured In Bombay Accident

Bombay, Dec. 24.

Two members of the crew of a sea-plane from the British cruiser Manchester were killed and one member was injured when the plane struck telephone wires while alighting near Cochin harbour, and crashed in the shallow water.

The injured man is Lieutenant Griffith, the pilot, who is believed to have escaped death by jumping from the plane into the water. He was not seriously hurt.—Reuter.

Rome Prepares for Mr. Chamberlain's Visit

Entertainment Programme Announced

Rome, Dec. 24.

The Villa Madama, the residence reserved for distinguished visitors, will be prepared for Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, and Lord Halifax, British Foreign Secretary, for their visit to Rome.

The programme of the visit includes a dinner at the Palazzo Venezia, followed by a reception and a gala performance at the Opera. A sight-seeing tour and a display by the Italian Youth are also contemplated.

The British party will arrive in Rome on the afternoon of January 11 and will depart on January 14, when Mr. Chamberlain will return to London. Lord Halifax will go to Geneva to attend the League Council.—Reuter.

North Ireland Remains Loyal To Britain

Ulster Police Rout Out Republican Gun Men; Many Arrested

London, Dec. 24.

The Northern Ireland Parliament adjourned today until March 7. In a message to the people of Ulster, Lord Craigavon, the Premier, says: "Whatever the future may hold in store, we are determined as ever to stand loyally by Great Britain and the Empire and to meet the demands made upon us for the defence of the realm.—Wireless Through Reuter.

Terrorists Rounded-Up

Belfast, Dec. 23.

A strong bodyguard was assigned to guard the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Lord Craigavon, today while police scoured six Ulster counties seeking fleeing members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

The wide searches were started today following disclosure of an alleged terrorist plot on the part of leaders of the Irish Republican Army. More than 100 leaders of the Army were understood to be held at present in Belfast prisons. Fearing that an attempt would be made to release these men, the authorities were believed to be considering a prison-ship in which to hold them, and whatever additional I.R.A. men could be captured.

Meanwhile police cars, bristling with rifles, halted cars and motor trucks on all roads leading from Belfast, seeking arms and explosives which it was believed the Irish Republican Army had assembled in the city in connection with their professed aim of achieving a union between Ulster and Eire.

The Home Office asserted that the Irish Republican Army had plotted to seize the Parliament House, the Law Courts and the City Hall, and to kidnap several important Government officials during the Christmas holidays.

However, I.R.A. officials still at large said that the round-up was merely an "excuse" for the authorities to prosecute them and end the agitation for union.—United Press.

French Deny Arms Given Republican Warship

Burgos Note to Britain Being Considered

London, Dec. 24.

The Nationalist Government's protest against the alleged distribution of ammunition from French sources to the Republican destroyer Jose Luis Diaz, at Gibraltar, is at present being considered by the British Government in conjunction with the French authorities.

No official comment on the allegations or the probable nature of the reply is available, but Reuter understands that the reply will draw attention to what the British Government considers a most irregular practice, of ventilating allegations through the Spanish Nationalist press before British observations are ascertained. It is stated that such methods hamper subsequent investigations by the British Government.—Reuter.

French Denial Issued

Paris, Dec. 23.

Questioned upon Nationalist Spain's demarche in London, authoritative quarters here today categorically denied the contents of the Note and also denied that any French naval unit had ever neared the Jose Luis Diaz, Republican Spanish war vessel.—Havas.

Czech Communist Party Dissolved

Properties Confiscated For Benefit of State

Prague, Dec. 23.

The Government today ordered the complete dissolution of the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia and the confiscation of all Communist property. This was "for the benefit of the State."

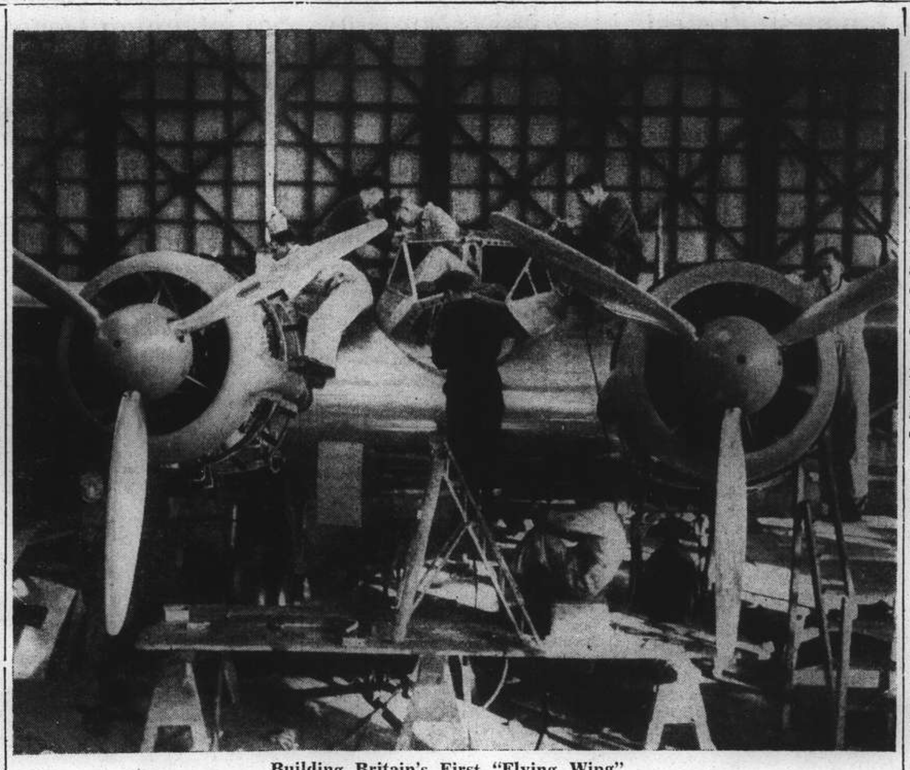
Altogether 25 Communist deputies of the Chamber and thirteen Senators, as well as the Vice-Mayor of Prague and hundreds of local officials throughout the country were deprived of their positions.

The dissolution of the Communist Party, the imminence of which had been indicated by many recent events, came under Parliament's new grant of its power to the Cabinet. Under this new arrangement there is no necessity for the Cabinet to submit each action to Parliament for its approval.—United Press.

U.S. Stabilization Fund Extended

New York, Dec. 24.

Mr. Henry Morganthau, Secretary of the Treasury stated yesterday that he would recommend to the Treasury Department an extension of the Treasury's authority to operate the stabilization fund beyond the present date of expiry, namely, June 30, 1939.—Reuter.



Building Britain's First "Flying Wing"

The first British flying wing aeroplane, Burnelli-designed, is nearing completion in the Cunliffe-Owen aircraft works at Southampton airport. Mr. Clyde Pangbourne, the famous American pilot, will shortly take it on test flights. He went to England specially for the purpose. Long booms carrying the twin rudders replace the orthodox fusilage, a cabin to carry fifteen passengers and luggage being built into the thickened wing. It will have a speed of 235 miles an hour and a cruising range of 1,950 miles.

Spanish Nationalists Open Big Christmas Offensive

Republicans Claim Attacks Repulsed; Italian Divisions Reported to Be Taking Part

Hendaye, Dec. 23.

GENERAL FRANCISCO Franco's headquarters announced that the long-heralded "Christmas offensive" had been unleashed this morning amid a driving snow-storm. Already, the announcement claimed, the Nationalist forces had smashed the Republican lines at four points along the western boundary of Catalonia. General Franco, cloaked in a Moroccan burnoose, directed the drive from a spot near his principal base at Saragossa. For nearly a month General Franco had been massing a force of nearly 250,000 troops, with 400 pursuit planes and bombers and fleets of whippet tanks behind his lines in preparation for what is expected to be the biggest of the eight major Nationalist offensives of the war.

The chief objective of the "Christmas offensive" is the capture of Barcelona, 84 miles from the Nationalists' advance base at Lerida. It was from Lerida that the advance got underway this morning, with supplies and replacements pouring through the town for the troops at most points of the front. Surrounding Barcelona, however, was the so-called "Iron ring," defence works built of steel and concrete and manned by every ablebodied Catalonian between the ages of seventeen and sixty.

Although General Franco's forces isolated Catalonia from the rest of Republican Spain when he drove a corridor to the Mediterranean coast at Vinaroz early this year, the task of conquering 10,000 square miles of Catalonian territory still remains.

The main Nationalist offensive force, centred near Lerida, struck eastwards shortly after 8 o'clock this morning and claimed to have cracked the Republican lines in the Segre River valley after a terrific bombardment. After breaking through the lines, the communique stated that the Nationalist troops "continued strongly" toward the coast, apparently concentrating their advance along the railway line through Cervera toward Manresa. The communique claims that four Republican planes were shot down this morning, in the Segre valley.

Tremendous Artillery Fire

Throughout the day Nationalist and Republican artillery exchanged intense fire all along the Segre front, continuing their shelling which began yesterday. General Franco's artillery concentrated its fire along the sector from Tremp to Balaguer, the former being forty miles and the latter fifteen miles north of Lerida. This appeared today to be the sector selected for the major drive.

Despite the bad weather in the mountains, Nationalist planes and artillery co-operated in trying to destroy the defences of Republican General Vincente Rojo, but as far as could be ascertained from independent sources along the French border, the Nationalist infantry did not move forward. However, hundreds of refugees poured into the little Pyrenees capital of Andorra from the Catalan zone behind the Government lines in anticipation of the attack.

There were unconfirmed reports along the French border of another drive southward from Lerida toward Mequinenza, where the Segre River joins the Ebro, and thence eastward through the Ebro towns of Flix and Masas de Mora with the ultimate objective of capturing Tarragona. The Republican authorities were reported to be strengthening the defences of Tarragona.—United Press.

Republicans Claim Stand

Barcelona, Dec. 23.

An official communique issued by the Republican authorities states that the Republican forces under General Vincente Rojo successfully repulsed and threw back the Nationalists' "Christmas offensive" which was launched along a 50-kilometre front this morning.

The Spanish News Agency, a Republican organ, stated that the Nationalists had suffered heavy losses on the opening day of the big offensive, which was claimed to have failed to make any permanent gains.

The main attack, according to the news agency, was delivered in the Tremp and Seros sectors, after most intensive artillery preparations. The Nationalists succeeded in occupying Republican positions at Vertice and Sarragosa, but they were immediately dislodged by a fierce Republican counter-attack, suffering important losses in prisoner and war materials which were captured by the Republicans. At all other points the Nationalists were stated to have been driven back after making slight initial gains.

The prisoners captured by the Republicans included members of the Italian "Black Flame" and "March 23rd" Divisions. Thus for the first time since the great Italian defeat on the Guadalajara front the Nationalist General Staff has started an offensive by throwing a tremendous weight of Italian troops and armaments against the Republicans, it was pointed out.—United Press.

Attempt to Murder Alleged Traitor

But the "Wrong" Chinese Is Shot on Szechuen Rd.; One of Gang Arrested

Pro-Chinese terrorists struck at an alleged traitor, Mr. Hwa (Wu) Chenchuan, who is said to have had important dealings with the Japanese, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the vestibule of 33 Szechuen Road.

Mr. Hwa was fired upon by members of a small group, about five shots being discharged. He was not hit, however, but a middle-aged Chinese, entirely unconnected with the intended victim of the assassins, was wounded in the right ankle. This man, after hospital treatment, was able to return to his house.

One of he terrorists who actually fired some shots was arrested by the Settlement Police and was last night being questioned by members of the special homicide squad of S.M.P. Headquarters, known as "C. 8." Two pistols were discarded by the band at the scene and were recovered by the Police. They were one high-velocity Mauser (military type), and one "Royal automatic. Both weapons were loaded when seized.

The intended victim of the assassins is alleged to have been involved with the Japanese in the sale of a coal mine in Shantung and in negotiations about the sale of a cement works in the Lunghwa area. The man who was arrested is said to have been the man who wounded the Chinese not connected with these dealings.

Belgium Adopts Aerial Defence Bill

117 Votes to Ten Given To Anti-Aircraft Scheme

Brussels, Dec. 24.

The Chamber yesterday, by 117 votes to 10, adopted the Aerial Defence Bill, the cost of which amounts to £425,000,000.

The credits under the Bill will be devoted mainly to the provision of anti-aircraft guns.

The measure carries a clause under which the Government must give an account of the progress of the air precaution work by April 30.—Reuter.

Big Armed Robbery on Shanghaikwan Road

An armed robbery was perpetrated at House 452, Lane 153 Shanghaikwan Road shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The alarm was raised, and the Reserve Unit was ordered to the scene as the robbers had not left the building and a general shoot-up was expected. No further information was available at the time of going to press.

Russian is Killed Looting Wire

Detective's Warning Shot Fatal to Former Convict in Wayside During Night

One of a gang of lawless Russians engaged in looting overhead trolley wire in the Eastern district of the Settlement before daylight yesterday was shot and killed by a foreign detective who fired one shot of warning when confronted with the gang in pitch dark. The shooting occurred at about 2 a.m., during the Settlement curfew period, at the intersection of Tongshan and Kwenming Roads, in a district under Japanese military control. The other members of the gang escaped.

The man who was killed was a former convict, having been arrested and sentenced once for house-breaking. An ambulance was summoned and the wounded looter was taken to the General Hospital. He was beyond recovery, however, and was pronounced dead upon admission to a warder. He had been wounded in the region of the heart.

The fatal shot was fired by Detective Sub-Insp. C. J. MaCahey, in charge of the plainclothes staff at Wayside Police Station. Sub-Insp. McCahey had been apprised that wire stealers were in the neighbourhood by an alert Sikh constable who was at the time on duty at the gate of the station and who saw a weird green flash as the looters contacted the charged overhead wire.

Confronted With Gang

Sub-Insp. McCahey, without losing a moment, grabbed his pistol and a flashlight and charged out of the gate in the direction indicated by the Indian constable, who followed. They were confronted with several dark figures running from the scene of the attempted looting. The foreign detective fired one round from his service pistol in an effort to halt the fleeing men. One of the latter slumped to the ground, wounded, while the others escaped.

The man who was killed was later identified by his fingerprints as having a police record in Shanghai.

In recent months other looters, both Russians and Chinese, have been killed or wounded in the Wayside district and Yangtszepoo by Japanese military who have opened fire on them when they were caught red-handed. Several Russian gangs, engaged in stealing telephone wire and other property in the area, have been apprehended and members of these groups are now serving sentences after having been convicted in the Chinese District Court.

Count Ciano to Go To Warsaw

London, Dec. 23.

Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, will make a visit to Warsaw either on January 15 or February 15, 1939, it was stated in reliable quarters here today. It was also reported that Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, would visit Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister, in mid-January.—Havas.

Lord Halifax to Visit Geneva

Geneva, Dec. 24.

It has been announced that Lord Halifax, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is coming to Geneva on January 15, after his visit with Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, to Rome. Lord Halifax will represent Great Britain at the League of Nations Council starting on January 16.—Reuter.

Japanese Christmas Buying Rush May Result in Further Taxation

Finance Ministry Officials Loathe to See So Much Spent on Luxury Goods During War Time

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

Rapid year-end sales of expensive battledores, silver fox furs and other articles of luxury may bring about the imposition of additional luxury taxes, it was disclosed today by Mr. Hanjiro Oya, Director of the Bureau of Taxation in the Finance Ministry.

A survey conducted personally by Mr. Shotaro Ishiwatari, Vice-Minister of Finance, through department stores here, revealed that purchases of jewelry, furs and other costly trinkets not regarded as necessities can afford to be slowed down judging from the apparent prevalence of money that is being poured across the store counters.

One of the main causes for the unabated buying spree in spite of the current emphasis on war economy, Finance Ministry officials said, were the large sale of gift certificates. These are sold at an annual average of Y.40,000,000 while the taxes on these vouchers are said to be only one to two per cent. plus a uniform three-sen national stamp on all vouchers.—Domei.

Reich May Break with U.S.

Possibility of Diplomatic Rupture Over "Ickes Incident" Rouses Speculation in Washington

Washington, Dec. 24.

DIPLOMATIC circles here are openly speculating on the possibility of a rupture of relations between the United States and Germany. The speech made on the "primitive culture of the Nazis" by Mr. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, and the strongly worded rejection of Germany's protest on the subject, has created a tense situation. Officials of the State Department describe as premature the discussion of a rupture, but Government quarters make no effort to minimize the position.

Hopes are voiced privately that Germany will heed the statement made by Mr. Sumner Welles, Acting-Secretary of State, in reply to Germany's demand for an apology on account of Mr. Ickes' speech. Mr. Welles' reply is considered to be couched in the plainest language used by the State Department in twenty years.

It is generally believed that President Roosevelt knew of Mr. Welles' intention to speak plainly, but, according to information from the State Department, the United States will not go further unless forced.—Reuter.

Wilhelmstrasse Dissatisfied

Berlin, Dec. 24.

"We stand entirely by our viewpoint," Reuter was informed yesterday by well-informed political circles here, regarding America's rejection of Germany's demand for an apology on the speech made by Mr. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, on December 18.

Although there appears to be no question of a diplomatic rupture, they said, the Foreign Office would not be satisfied unless a formal explanation from the White House is forthcoming. The matter, well-informed circles declared, needs a very close study and it was suggested that an official statement on the matter will be issued.

Newspapers, meanwhile, have not printed the news of the German protest nor of the American reply. The local issue of the "Anzeiger" was only paper to offer a criticism on the subject.—Reuter.

"Anzeiger" Attacks Again

Berlin, Dec. 23.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" repeated attacks today against recent declarations made by Senator Key Pittman, President of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Mr. Harold Ickes. The paper said both those men and Mr. William Dodd, former U.S. Ambassador to Germany, were members of the Civil Liberty Union. It stated that they were in fact the agents of Communism and that they had launched an unbelievable campaign to influence public opinion. Their aim is to provoke a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and the countries indicated by Mr. Pittman in his recent declarations."—Havas.

Washington Unmoved

Washington, Dec. 23.

An important member of the Administration today indicated that the United States would maintain its strong, positive attitude towards Germany, regardless of the possibility of the severance of diplomatic relations.—United Press.

Fuehrer to Answer Mr. Welles

Berline, Dec. 23.

It was understood in high quarters today that the Reichs Chancellor, Herr Adolf Hitler, had decided to answer personally the United States' official rejection of the German protest over the remarks made recently in Cleveland by the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Harold L. Ickes.—United Press.

British Policy Stiffened

London, Dec. 23.

Diplomatic observers here today indicated that America's sharp rejection of the German protest over Mr. Harold L. Ickes' speech would be likely to result in a further stiffening of the British Government's foreign policy.—United Press.

Britain Also Attacked In German Press

Extraordinary Allegations Against Palestine Troops

Berlin, Dec. 24.

Newspapers here continue to show a marked absence of goodwill towards Anglo-Saxon countries.

Palestine news consists solely of an appeal to the world by the Arab Committee, with nothing from the British side.

"The gruesomeness of the British is absolutely incredible," writes the "National Zeitung," which is connected with Field Marshal Hermann Goering. The "Berliner Lokalanzeiger" describes the British campaign in Palestine as "simply barbaric," and adds that the "terror regime is only sparingly reported in British papers," while "Freedom of the press is thrown overboard when it suits England."—Reuter.

British War Office Denies German Reports

London, Dec. 24.

The War Office yesterday emphatically denied the slanderous allegations against the conduct of British troops in Palestine, which appeared in the German press. The allegations included atrocities such as: "British troops gouging out the eyes of their prisoners and burning their prisoners alive." It was emphasized that there was no truth in these reports.—Reuter.

Canada Sends Codfish To Spain

Children Refugees of Both Sides to Benefit

Ottawa, Dec. 24.

Mr. MacKenzie-King, Canadian Prime Minister, announced yesterday that the Canadian Government had despatched $10,000 worth of codfish to the International Commission for the Assistance of Child Refugees in Spain.

The fish will be distributed to both sides.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 3/16d. U.S.$ 16 33/32c.

Foreign Gunboat Convoy Arrives

Five British and American Vessels Enter Port; Gnat Delayed at Wuhu

The convoy of British and American gunboats consisting of H.M.S. Mantis, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, Rear-Admiral, Yangtze; H.M.S. Peterel, H.M.S. Cockchafer, the U.S.S. Guam and the U.S.S. Monocacy, arrived in Shanghai shortly after noon yesterday, after making the downriver trip from Hankow where they had been "bottled-up" since the start of the hostilities 16 months ago.

H.M.S. Gnat which was scheduled to arrive with the convoy, is expected at a later date, having been held up with engine trouble at Wuhu. The Monocacy and Cockchafer joined the convoy at Kiukiang, and the latter vessel also stopped at Anking to pick up Mr. and Mrs. A. Mair of the China Inland Mission before resuming its trip downriver.

New Flagship

Escorted by five Japanese warships the convoy left Hankow on December 19, but 50 miles further downstream the ships were held up when H.M.S. Gnat developed engine trouble, the delay lasting for 24 hours. At Nanking H.M.S. Tern left the convoy and the rest of the journey was made without incident.

Arriving from Hankow on board the British vessels were 120 Bluejackets who were sent to Hankow after the retreat of the Chinese troops to maintain order in the former British Concession. Seventy-four of the men will be accommodated at the Union Jack Club, while the rest will be distributed among the various ships in port.

Immediately after arrival Rear-Admiral Holt transferred his flag to H.M.S. Scorpion, a new British gunboat of 585 tons, which arrived in Shanghai on Thursday after her preliminary trials at Hongkong.

Sandringham Prepares For Jolly Christmas

Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra Join Royal Family

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 24.

Among the thousands of Londoners now leaving to spend Christmas in the country despite the snow and fog yesterday, were Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra of Kent. They travelled with their nurses to join the Royal family at Sandringham.

The ballroom at Sandringham Castle is decorated with a Christmas tree twenty-feet high and will later be used to entertain the 200 workers on the Royal estate, who are being presented with joints from eight bullocks, representing nearly four tons of meat.

Despite serious interference with traffic due to weather conditions the railways are hoping to maintain as far as possible the programme of extra holiday expresses. The London Midland and Scottish line will be running, 1,000 additional long-distance trains in and out of London. The majority of coach services running north are also maintaining operations with only slight delays. Reports received from twelve large provincial post offices indicate an increase of 26 per cent. in postings during the last four days, compared with the corresponding days of last year.—Wireless and Reuter.

Delegation of British Jews Plead for Aid

Mr. MacDonald Explains Why Palestine Closed

London, Dec. 24.

A deputation from the Board of Deputies of British Jews was received yesterday by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, following a resolution passed by the Board at the beginning of the week asking for reconsideration by His Majesty's Government of the decision against the admission of 10,000 German Jewish children into Palestine.

The resolution called attention to the unprecedented human tragedy represented by the plight of those children and their parents.

After hearing statements by the deputation, Mr. MacDonald expressed his sympathy with the humanitarian considerations which prompted the resolution. He then gave a full explanation of the reasons which had compelled His Majesty's government to reach the decision already announced.—Wireless through Reuter.

Sir Miles and Lady Lampson Escape Death

Alarming Accident in Plane at Cairo

Cairo, Dec. 24.

Sir Miles Lampson, British Ambassador to Egypt, and Lady Lampson were involved in an alarming accident yesterday when they were returning to Cairo from a shooting trip at Lake Ekiad.

Their plane buckled its undercarriage as it was taking off, but nobody was injured.—Reuter.

Famous Hungarian Jew Kills Self

New Anti-Semitic Laws Explained; Czech State Also to Oust All Jews

Budapest, Dec. 23.

Dr. Leon Liebermann, famous Jewish eye specialist, committed suicide today shortly after publication of the new anti-Semitic laws promulgated in Hungary. He was found dead, with a bullet through his brain, and was lying sprawled across the text of the new laws. His wife found the body. The deceased was 55 years old.—Havas.

Hungarian Laws Explained

Budapest, Dec. 24.

Commenting to press representatives on the newly announced Jewish laws, the Hungarian Minister of Justice, Count Tasnady-Nagy, declared that "since the passing of the first Jewish laws the international situation as regards Jews has changed in a manner that affects Hungary as well as other countries."

"Before this law was introduced," he said, "Germany was the only country to take energetic action against the Jews. Similar measures were then taken by several other smaller states. We can therefore say we are now encircled by a mighty ring of about 300,000,000 people all of whom are endeavouring to force the Jews in the direction of least resistance. Unless we take adequate and timely precautions, our country will be flooded.

"Our experiences with the first Jewish laws were of the worst kind. Up to the present time the declarations of over 150 firms have been examined and of these only a single one was correct in every detail."

Hungary he concluded, could not afford to disregard the fact that with the reunion of the northern district to Hungary, her Jewish population had increased decidedly, this in itself rendering appropriate measures essential.—Trans-Ocean.

Czech Anti-Semitism

Prague, Dec. 23.

A new sign of the development of anti-Semitism in Czechoslovakia was seen today in the publication of its programme by the National Union Party's Youth organization, whose leader is the Premier, Herr Rudolf Beran.

This programme is based upon the national community of the three peoples, Slovaks, Czechs and Carpatho-Ukrainians; upon social justice; upon corporative principles and upon Christian morale and Christian and moral education.

It provides for the exclusion of Jews as a minority group from the Czechoslovakia nation, "which is a natural product of blood and language." And it classifies as Jewish any person having one grandparent belonging to that faith.

Jews will be excluded from public services and will be divested of all influence upon national education and will be admitted into other domains of activity only upon the "proportional principle."

All naturalization documents given out since July 26, 1924, will be revised and of all expulsions from Czechoslovak territory will be decided since that date. Jews will not be called for compulsory labour service.—Havas.

Wang Ching-wei in Hanoi To See Doctor

Chinese Leader Fears The Return of Old Trouble

Hongkong, Dec. 24.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, chairman of the Central Political Council and deputy executive of the Kuomintang, is visiting Hanoi for a consultation with his "favourite physician," the official Chinese Central News Agency here announced today in a dispatch from Kunming.

The Chinese statesman, according to the report, flew from Chungking to Kunming on December 18 to keep an engagement with Gen. Lung Yun, chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government. The long hours in the air, according to Central News, indisposed Mr. Wang, leading to fears that his chronic disease may again break out. The disease was not specified.

At the insistence of some of his friends, the dispatch went on, Mr. Wang flew to Hanoi to be examined by this physician.

As soon as he recovers, Mr. Wang will return to Chungking, the report added.—Domei.

Canada May Take Note of Italian Empire

London, Dec. 24.

Recognition of the Italian Imperium by Canada is the result of an extensive consultation between Ottawa and London, it was reported here yesterday evening. This step by the Canadian Government is regarded as a logical consequence of the Anglo-Italian Agreement of April 16, 1938. It is now predicted that the Canadian example will be followed by other British Dominions, particularly Australia and New Zealand.—Trans-Ocean.

Poland Protests Against Czech Activities

Prague, Dec. 23.

Poland protested today against the activities of Czech militiamen near the Czecho-Polish borders in Silesia, Dr. Casimir Papee, Warsaw's Minister here, handing an official Note to Dr. Frantisek Chvalkovsky, Czech Foreign Minister. In this Note, Warsaw also protested against the attitude adopted by the Czech Press towards Poland and against the stand taken by radio stations near the frontier.—Havas.

M. Reynaud Presents Budget to Senate

Paris, Dec. 23.

The Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, presented his Budget for 1939 in the Senate today. The project was forwarded to the Finance Committee for special examination, and the Senate debate will therefore take place only on Wednesday. December 28.—Havas.

Memorial Service for Mr. Chun Bing-him

Tribute Paid to Friend Of the Community

A well attended memorial service was held yesterday afternoon in the Huchow Club, Kweichow Road, in honour of the late Mr. Chun Bing-him, compradore of Burkill & Sons Ltd., Canton Road, who died in Macao in August of this year at the venerable age of 77. The meeting was presided over by a presidium of prominent foreign and Chinese business leaders.

After introductory remarks made by Mr. Gockson Kwok, a member of the presidium, several speeches were made by foreign and Chinese friends of late well known Cantonese business leader praising him for his patriotic spirit and his success in business. It was revealed by one Chinese speaker that the late Mr. Chun would never have gone to Macao had it not been for the changed situation in Shanghai.

Memorial pamphlets printed in the Chinese language were distributed at the meeting and the "Pu Yi Band" played the mourning music for the large gathering. A member of the Chun family made a short speech thanking those present. Among those serving on the presidium were Messrs Yu Ya-ching, G. E. Mitchell, G. F. Andrew, W. Mellor, Ling Kung-hou, Gockson Kwok, L. T. Yuan, Yang Mei-nan, Ching Chun-cheng and Wang Bing-yen.

Friend of Community

On behalf of Messrs. A. W. Burkill and C. B. Burkill with whom the late Mr. Chun had many years' connection and who have retired from active business in Shanghai, Mr. W. Mellor of Burkill & Sons Ltd. read a statement written by Mr. A. W. Burkill on behalf of his brother and himself and expressed his own appreciation of the late Mr. Chun. While the statement was published by this journal yesterday Mr. Mellor's statement is as follows:

Before concluding, I wish to speak, from my own knowledge, of the extremely pleasant friendship that existed between the Partners and Staff of A. R. Burkill & Sons and Mr. Chun Bing-him. During the whole of my time in Shanghai I have been brought into close contact with him in all matters of business, more especially those relative to land, and have always found him extremely helpful, in his own charming way, in solving the various difficulties and problems that inevitably occur. I feel that not only the firm, with whom he was associated for over half a century, but the Shanghai community as a whole has lost a Chinese friend of outstanding ability, honesty and integrity of purpose, who did so much to foster that spirit of co-operation among all nationalities, which is so essential in this cosmopolitan city, and I can assure you, Mr. Kee Ho Chun, and all members of the family that you can be supremely proud of the reputation for loyalty and honesty of purpose which your late father so justly earned.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I consider the firm of A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd. is indeed fortunate in still being associated with members of the Chun family and I am sure that the friendship which has existed all these years between them and the firm will continue and that we can, with confidence, depend upon each other's co-operation and support.

New Italian Cruiser Arrives in Port

The new Italian 7,000-ton cruiser R. I. Coleoni arrived in port shortly after 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon with some 600 men aboard. The cruiser, which is the sistership of the R. I. Montecuccoli which served in the Far East for over a year prior to being ordered to return home last month, made fast at the naval buoys opposite the French Bund and soon afterwards the men were permitted to come ashore.

Prior to 10'clock yesterday morning, the commander of the Italian cruiser paid the usual courtesy calls to the commanders of the naval units of other nations here, including the British, American and Japanese.

The cruiser will only remain in Shanghai for a comparatively short time prior to proceeding on routine inspection calls to the various Far Eastern ports.

Col. Beck Arrives In Monte Carlo

Monte Carlo, Dec. 23.

Colonel Joseph Beck, Polish Foreign Minister, arrived here today accompanied by his secretary, M. Rogoyski. He will spend the Christmas holidays here.—Havas.

Japanese Protest Borneo Action

Restriction on Farmers And Fishermen Resented By Tokyo Government

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

A categorical protest is being contemplated by the Foreign Office in connection with reported acts of "oppression" and restriction against Japanese fishing and farming operations in British North Borneo, Domei was informed in semi-official quarters today.

British authorities in North Borneo were reported to be imposing "unwarranted restrictions" on Japanese on the grounds that the north-western part of the British colony is of no value to the Japanese and that the quality of the soil in the north-west is unsuitable for farming.

Japanese will not be allowed to enter the north-western areas of North Borneo if the Colonial Government confirms a decision of the board of directors of the North Borneo Company in London on Tuesday, it was reported.

The company authorities ruled that Japanese will be prohibited from engaging in fishing or farming activities, leasing or owning land in north-west Borneo, the report said. It was anticipated that the colony authorities would support the decision. Japan's vested rights in eastern Borneo will be recognized, according to the report. Eight hundred Japanese reside in the north-western coastal regions of Borneo.—Domei.

Two Burned to Death In Factory Fire

Night Blaze Causes Heavy Damage in Weihaiwei Rd.

The bodies of two adults, burned so as to be unrecognizable, were found by Settlement firemen yesterday morning in the ruins of a Chinese vacuum-flask factory at 262 Weihaiwei Road, which was swept by flames during the night.

The fire was first noticed shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday morning and an alarm was sent to Sinza Fire Station. Soon afterwards, Central Station also turned out to the scene. The whole building and its contents were badly damaged by the flames, and the firemen spent two hours and a half in extinguishing the blaze.

While scores of persons fled in time to save their lives, the bodies of two victims were later recovered from among the debris and were taken to the Public Mortuary. Apart from these two cases, no one was injured.

Rear Admiral Sugiyama Commands on Yangtze

Hankow, Dec. 24.

Rear-Admiral Rokuzo Sugiyama, formerly Chief of Staff of the Japanese China Seas Fleet, assumed his duties as Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Yangtze Flotilla here relieving Rear-Admiral Eijiro Kondo at a simple ceremony aboard his flagship anchored off Hankow at 7.30 o'clock this morning. Following the ceremony Rear-Admiral Kondo left by airplane for Japan.—Domei.

Car Production in Canada and U.S.

New York, Dec. 23.

A substantial decrease was revealed in the number of cars and trucks produced in the United States and Canada during the week ended December 23, according to Ward's estimate of production.

During the period under review, cars and trucks produced totalled 92,890 units as compared with 102,905 units during the previous week and 67,230 units for the corresponding period of last year.—Reuter.

U.S. Sailors Save Men In Distress

Tiny Boat Braves Big Seas At Dawn to Save 24

New York, Dec. 23.

Eight men in a tiny boat tossed by mountainous seas at dawn today rescued 22 men and two women from the storm-doomed Norwegian tanker, ss. Smaragd, some 600 miles south-east of New York.

The rescue crew were from the American Maritime Commission's freighter, ss. Schodack, which had stood by the Norwegian craft all through the night, after hearing a weak S.O.S. signal from the distressed vessel last evening.

Heavy Seas

Throughout the night the seas proved too heavy as the gale whipped down from the north-west, lashing the seas furiously, but with dawn a short lull set in, whereupon eight men from the American freighter volunteered, manned a life-boat and pulled away for the Norwegian boat.

The two women and 22 members of the crew of the Smaragd were with some difficulty gotten into the boat and after a dangerous and breath-taking voyage were brought safely aboard the American boat.

The master of the Schodack reported by radio that the entire complement of the Norwegian tanker had been safely removed. The Norwegians revealed that a leak near the bow of their vessel had developed rapidly yesterday and by midnight it was feared that her heaviness forward might result in a quick plunge to the bottom under the lash of the gale and the pounding of the giant seas. The ss. Smaragd, a 1,181-ton tanker, was bound for Europe from Norfolk, Virginia.—United Press.

Sian Incident Recalled By Chinese

The Chinese people in Shanghai will observe a holiday to-day and hoist their flags in celebration of the second anniversary of the humiliation of General Chiang Kai-shek in the Sian Incident in which he was made a captive by General Chang Hsueh-liang, the then military leader in the northwest who urged the generalissimo to fight the Japanese.

In hoisting their national flags the Chinese will also celebrate to-day the revolutionary uprising 27 years ago in Yunnan which later caused a series of similar uprisings to break out, thus enabling the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen to establish the Republic of China.

Soviet-Japan Issue Still Deadlocked

Moscow Ready to Cut Fishery Lots by 30 Instead of All 40

Moscow, Dec. 23.

Soviet-Japanese negotiations upon the difficult fisheries question were still at a deadlock today after the eleventh interview between the Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinov, and M. Shigenori Togo, Japan's Ambassador to Russia, well-informed quarters asserted tonight.

During this latest meeting, M. Litvinov announced that his Government was ready to reduce from forty to thirty the number of fisheries to be closed to Japanese fishermen. M. Togo rejected this proposal, however, consenting to the closure of only twelve present fisheries and on condition that others be marked out in new waters.

Among ten new fishery sites proposed for Japanese fishermen, three would be located in the Japan Sea, it was stressed in political circles here. These quarters pointed out that Tokyo was now complaining that the Soviets were trying to drive them out of the Japan Sea.

According to the Portsmouth Treaty, it was recalled, Japanese fishery rights in the Okhotsk, Behring and Japan Seas were formally recognized.

M. Litvinov insisted during his latest interview with M. Togo that the auction system be maintained in the distribution of the fisheries among Japanese companies, it was further learned tonight.—Havas.

Tokyo Pessimistic

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

A wide divergence of views came to light in the seventh fishery conference of Moscow, the Foreign Office disclosed this afternoon.

The Foreign Office issued a statement outlining the conversation between Mr. Shingenori Togo, Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, and M. Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Foreign Affairs Commissar.

The Soviet Union persisted in its demand that the Hirota-Karakhan Agreement be repudiated and 40 stabilized fishery lots be excluded from Japanese operation "for strategic reasons." On the other hand, Japan held that the new fishery *modus vivendi* should be based on the *status quo*, the statement revealed.

It was understood that Mr. Togo was to see M. Litvinov either today or tomorrow for an eighth parley to seek a *modus vivendi* by December 31 when the existing temporary agreement will expire.

In Kobe the Chamber of Commerce and Industry issued the following statement:

"We cannot stand by silently in the insincere attitude on the part of the Soviet authorities on the Soviet-Japanese fishery treaty, and we earnestly hope that the Government will be determined to vindicate Japan's rights in this matter." The statement was sent to government officials by the chamber over the signature of Mr. Juzo Enami, President.—Domei.

Haifa, Jaffa Included In Strike Area

Haifa, Dec. 23.

The strike of protest against military operations in the Jerusalem area spread today to Haifa and Jaffa. Calm was preserved, however, and only one incident was reported. This involved a Jew who was shot here. The authorities at Jaffa have imposed curfew until tomorrow morning.—Havas.

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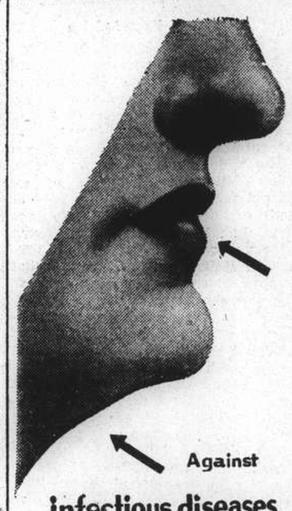

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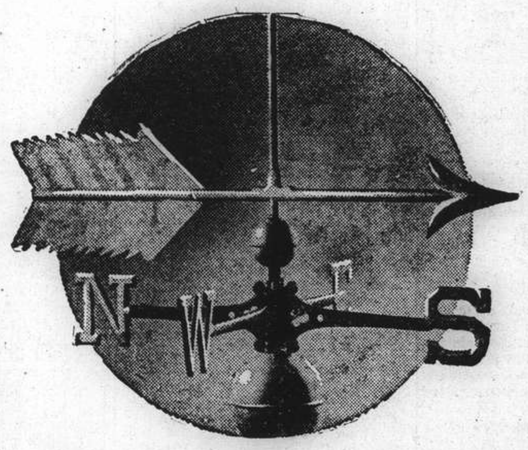

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Coming Up

"HE accelerated at the levelcrossing thinking he could beat the train."

"And didn't get across?"

"He will when the stonemason's made it.

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Church Wear

"NURSE, I think I'll take one of the children to church with me this morning."

"Yes, madam."

"Now, which one do you think would go best with this dress?"

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Seven Years' Growth

FROM a schoolboy's essay on "Removing into a New House":

"I think everybody should remove about every seven years because I consider that more diseases are caused by dirt accumulated over long years than by anything else."

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Not Dead Yet

THE weather being hot, a jelly which a mother was giving her children at tea, had not set too well.

"No jelly for me, mummy," said the youngest child. "I don't think it's dead yet."

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Advert

A LITTLE boy picked up a tract that had been put through the door.

"What have you there?" asked his mother.

"Oh, nothing much," replied the boy; "only an advert. about Heaven."

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Black Eye, Maybe

FROM a letter in a London evening paper: "I shouldn't think of drinking the mixtures I've seen some people order for themselves at cocktail-bars."

He would be asking for trouble if he did.

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Dumb

SHE had been to a whist drive and was telling the family about it.

"It was extraordinary," she said. "At one of the tables there were three misdeals."

"How strange!" said Grandma. "Were they sisters?"

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Proof

MANAGER: "Where is Mr. Brown?"

Clerk: "Speaking on the telephone to his wife."

"But how do you know it's his wife?"

"Well, he's been on the telephone half an hour and I've only heard him say 'Hullo' and 'Yes' so far!"

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Could be Worse

JOHNNY, I am rather shocked. I have had a note from your schoolmaster in which he tells me that you are last in a class of 30 boys. What have you to say about that?

"Well, dad, I'm sorry; but it might have been worse."

"How could it have been worse?"

"It might have been a larger class."

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Lovable Tease

"Now why," asks someone, "is there a glut of £400-a-year men and a scarcity of £40 a week men?"

Dear boy!

Next he will be asking us why there are more privates than colonels, and more clerks than managers.

Then he will probably have a crack at physiognomy, one of the popular religions of today, and ask us if we have ever realized that it is possible to tell from an eight-year-old boy's expression that he has been having a blow-out of green apples, lemonade and prawns.

So we live and learn.

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Heard in Court

MOTORIST: It is no good calling my sister to give evidence. She knows nothing about cars; she only goes by the looks of the drivers.

Wife: I dare not let my husband know I am out of work or it will affect his pride.

Solicitor: You appear to be dressed very well.

Man: Yes; they have just let me out of Brixton Prison.

Military Letter

Britain's Defence Policy

Co-ordinating Areas for Civil Protection; Anti-Aircraft Divisions; Huge Aviation Estimate

FROM OUR OWN MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

London, Dec. 7.

THE authorities at home are going full speed ahead with emergency preparations but it is difficult to catch up with the margin now enjoyed by others in the matter of armament. Sir John Anderson in charge of the home civil front is preparing a voluntary register of men and women for service and also co-ordinating the places for civil protection during air raids.

Mr. Hore-Belisha is pushing ahead with his Anti-Aircraft Corps of five Divisions and the first of them is now over-established by 1,000 men. This one, the 1st Division is for the defence of London. The 2nd, for East coast defence, is approaching 90 per cent. of its strength and the three newer Divisions are half formed already.

There are to be 100,000 men in this new Corps. The 3rd Division is for Scotland, the 4th for Mersey and the west and the 5th for the south coast. The Territorial Army as a whole has risen to 195,000 men or 96 per cent. of the numbers needed.

Sir Kingsley Wood has recognized that mere competition in aeroplane numbers leads nowhere and he has adopted the policy of building to strategical needs and this envisages 42 squadrons for overseas, or 500 new machines of which the Pacific stations will get their share. By March there will be in general home service 1,750 first line aircraft and a year later this number will be increased to 2,370 at home. By 1941 the number will be further added to—perhaps doubled—and the Air Estimates now in draft form amount to 200 millions. Three years ago we had 600 machines costing 23 millions. For overseas there will be 500 new machines.

Defence and Supply

The net result of the discussions on defence is that there will be a Defence or Supply Ministry but there will be a Minister of Civil Defence. The home front comes under Sir John Anderson for air-raid precautions and the registration of the nation for war duties. The civil arrangements made had no co-ordination and a score of different authorities were making appeals to the nation for personnel and materials.

This seems a small outcome from the crisis but, as the Prime Minister stated, the Services side would not have been found ill-prepared for war, as some critics have suggested. The Navy was all right, the field army was ready but the R.A.F. needed more planes and the T. A. more anti-aircraft guns. We are on a five year armament plan and mid-way through it. Things are to be speeded up. The general impression is that a Supply Ministry with special powers is badly needed.

Appointments

Field Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell was appointed in July to be honorary colonel of the 14th Australian Battalion. A November correction gives the battalion the title of the Prahran Regiment.

Maj-Gen. Grasett was gazetted out of his special mission appointed in the Middle East on November 1, and proceeded to Hongkong.

The December appointments include the following:—

Col. C. Greenslade on promotion from the 1st North Staffordshire Regiment, becomes A.Q.M.G. at the War Office.

Col. A. S. Turnham to the Cavalry Record Office at Canterbury.

Brig. H. C. Loyd to command the 1st Guards Brigade at Aldershot.

Col. A. F. Lambert to the Field Artillery Record Office at Woolwich.

Col. G. K. Archibald, A.D.S., and T., Eastern Command.

Col. W. E. Maitland-Dougall, A.Q.M.G., Scottish Command.

Col. J. A. C. Whitaker to command the Coldstream Regiment.

Col. C. L. Tudor, A.D.S. and T., Western Command.

Brig. J. L. Short, Commander, South Lancashire and Cheshire Brigade.

Brig. A. C. Hughes, Commander, South Midland Brigade.

Maj.-Gen. P. G. Scarlett, Commander, Deccan District.

Brig. A. F. Smith Chief of the Staff, Egypt.

Brig. J. Muirhead, Commander, Warwickshire Infantry Brigade.

Brig. J. M. Hamilton, Commander, Gloucester and Worcester Brigade.

Cadet Overhaul

The future of the O.T.C. and Cadet Force is now engaging the attention of a War Office committee in order that both may be brought up to the fullest extent in usefulness under the new conditions of national service. It is not generally realized that Britain is ahead of the militarist countries in the preparation of youth for officer status. Germany has just found out that in forming their Youth Movement the training of potential officers has been omitted and steps are being taken to remedy this.

The point for us to consider is whether we make the best use of the cadet system we have in providing the future officers for mobilization. The O.T.C. might have its own branch at the War Office as was suggested by the Ward Committee and the field instruction be more closely allied to the Regular and Territorial Armies whose camps the O.T.C. might join.

Until three years ago instruction in camp was no more than mob training on Salisbury Plain and Bourley fields. Since then there has been a change over towards individual instruction from unit preparation and this is still going on. And always the great difficulty has been in the quality of the contingent officers on whom lies the burden of instruction. A limited number of Regular officers are available and as all units cannot have such assistance the pointer is that they should go to the Regulars for attachment. This is necessary because the form of the Army has changed and mechanization demands a new type of instruction.

Training Specialists

It is fairly easy to forecast the trend of events in the Senior Division. We shall move ever further away from the old idea of a volunteer unit, and more and more to the training of the individual as a specialist, retaining parades and collective training in camp only to the extent required to give the cadet a picture of the unit he will be required to lead. The old-fashioned camp may develop into an attachment to the Regular Army, and the cadet may gravitate to the officers' mess; and so make the contacts which are the preliminary to a commission in peace or war.

In this the Officer Cadet Reserve should help, for it has recently been extended to the Junior Division. The Junior Division is more complex. The boy is still acquiring his general education and military work is superimposed on that and often goes to the wall. The schools should have more Regular Army assistance and I think they will get it.

Staff College Change

The next examination for entrance to the Staff Colleges at Camberley and Quetta will be held in February and March for joining in January, 1940.

Fifty additional officers will be trained annually. For Camberley 25 vacancies will be filled by competition from the first 50 officers in order of merit but the nominations will reach a total of 90. The number of nominations last time was 23 for entrance next January but this has come into focus for an increase. For Quetta entrance in 1940 there will be seven British Service competitive vacancies and nine by nomination. There will be 30 Indian Army admissions equally divided between competitive and nominative.

The reorganization at Camberley comes into effect on New Year's Day when the Junior and Senior wings become fully operative. For the Junior section 25 officers in order of merit at the last entrance examination go in and 95 will be nominated. The Junior wing will feed the Senior at Minley Manor with 55 officers to train for the higher grade appointments and for command. Entrance will be for the Regular Army, Indian Army, T.A., Royal Marines, R.A.F., Dominion forces, Egyptian Army, Iraq Army, R.N., and also for a French or other foreign officer as desired.

Battalion Transfers

Capt. J. V. Davidson-Houston, R.E., who has been four years at Hongkong H.Q. has relinquished G.S.O.3.

The battalions to be relieved in Palestine are the 2nd Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st Royal Scots (for Aldershot) 2nd Royal West Kent (Malta) and 1st Border Regiment. Battalions to go to Palestine are the 1st Foresters from the West Indies and 2nd Queen's from Parkhurst.

The 2nd K.S.L.I. goes to the West Indies, and the 2nd Somerset to Gibraltar in January. The 2nd Royal Norfolk now at Gibraltar is for Bordon.

The 1st East Surrey from Khartum move in January to Colchester. The 1st K.S.L.I. from India is due at Bordon on Christmas Eve. The 2nd Y. and L.R. is a December movement from India to the Sudan.

South China City Deserted

Wuchow Empty as Hongs Ship Commodities Inland; University Dismantled

In a belated letter the Wuchow correspondent of the "North-China Daily News" writes that the frequent visits of Japanese bombing planes have had a disastrous effect upon the inhabitants of this southern port. Business is growing less and less each day. There was a time, when because of frequent bombing, the streets were practically deserted in the morning of each day, the people preferring to leave their homes and wander out to the hillsides and seated under the shade of banyon trees, while away the first half of each day. The fear instilled by the few disastrous bombings has filled many a heart with dread, and a veritable exodus has taken place.

Tens of thousands of people have gone to the country and sought shelter with friends and relatives in remote country places where there is little danger of visits from the black birds of death which are so feared these days. Fully one half of the populace have left the city. Businessmen likewise fearing coming calamities have shipped their merchandise to other places. Their once prosperous houses are now closed and barred, and the rats and mice play inside numolested by the sight or sound of a living soul. Business is at a standstill. Those who still have some wares to sell do not seem to be very anxious to do business. A feeling of depression, akin to despair has settled down over the city, and people go about like condemned prisoners solemnly awaiting the day of execution.

Launches and motor boats of every size and description are busy day and night towing junks and barges filled with goods further up the West river where there may be less danger of loss.

This increased travel has put the rates of bus and steamship travel up quite high, and often one not in the inner circle has to wait a considerable length of time, before he can secure accommodation at any price.

Country Side Disturbed

The country districts are becoming very much disturbed. Sections of the province that have been peaceful for years are now notorious for bridandage. Highwaymen, lurk along many of the roads and many people who have fled from the danger in the city, have fallen into a greater danger before they reached their destination.

Many businessmen and mechants who must travel are arming themselves against attack along the road, and others will not venture to travel unless accompanied by a party large enough to afford protection.

Meanwhile so-called spies are being arrested and executed every few days. Some, it is feared, are just unfortunate enough to do those things that lead to suspicion and with the feeling against spies so strong, when once they fall into the clutches of the law it is difficult to get out again.

Future Matter of Conjecture

What the future holds in store for this port city is a matter of conjecture. It is widely stated that, should the Japanese attempt to take Wuchow, that, following the example of Canton, all the public buildings will be blown up and the city put to the flames according to the "scorched earth" policy. The way some of the strests and stone landings have been torn up to secure stone for the blocking of the river at least indicates the authorities are not trying to spare the city, and do not care how much the inhabitants are inconvenienced by the destruction of streets and landings. The evident feeling is since the city is to be destroyed soon why try and save the streets now, for the greater the destruction the less the captors will get when at last the city falls into their hands.

After frequent bombings of the Kwangsi University the authorities decided to dismantle the buildings and move the equipment to Kweiling. This has now been practically completed. Large and small river boats heavily loaded with boxes and furniture are on their way to the capital and the wrecked university buildings stand stark and bare, the ghosts of former greatness.

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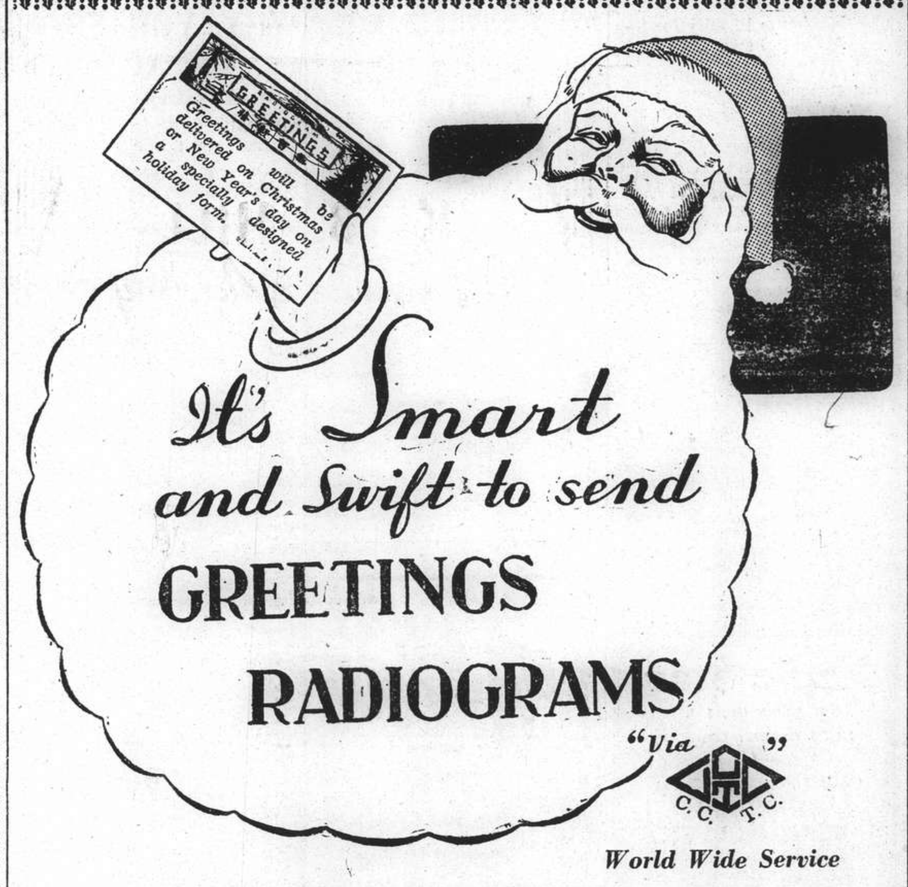

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French Minority in Italy Rally to France

Aosta Valley Inhabitants Avow Solidarity; Paris and London Stand Firm Against Duce

Paris, Dec. 23.

INHABITANTS of the Aosta Valley in north Italy (inhabited by some 100,000 people) passed a resolution today stressing their solidarity with France in the present tense Franco-Italian situation. Though they refrained from explicitly claiming annexation by France, these people emphasized that their valley remained "an outpost of French culture despite Fascist colonization." Aosta Valley is at the foot of Mont Blanc near the French and Swiss borders. All legal texts there were until recently drafted in the French language and education was given in both French and Italian. Recently Signor Benito Mussolini forbade official use of the French language in the valley, although the inhabitants still carry French names.

The resolution passed today voices strong protest against the anti-French campaign now pursued in Italy and stresses Aosta Valley's determination to combat Fascist Italian colonization. It expresses the people's desire to promote closer relations "with the remainder of the French people" and voices the will to obtain the restoration of French education, for French "is the mother language of Aosta's inhabitants."

The "Inner Cabinet" of France is meeting today to discuss the situation arising out of Italy's denunciation of the 1935 Laval-Mussolini accords.

France has already proved her sincere desire for good understanding with Italy, authoritative quarters observed. Indications of this will lie in the conclusion of the 1935 agreement, French recognition of the Italian Empire in Ethiopia, the despatch of an Ambassador to Italy, and the offer to open negotiations early this year.

The French Government are nevertheless determined to defend the integrity of the French Empire and will never cede an inch of French territory. The Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, has emphasized this determination in declarations to the Chamber of Deputies.

France Could Retaliate

These influential and well-informed quarters also stated that while Italy is arguing changed circumstances as reasons for denouncing the 1935 accords, France might use the same arguments to denounce the principles of the Tunisian Capitulations Convention of 1896 in favour of Italian settlers in Tunisia. France could thereby unilaterally restore full French sovereignty over Italian settlers in that protectorate.

The 1935 agreement repudiated by Italy, politicians observed, settled many problems in its time. It established the status of Italians in Tunisia and replaced the 1896 Convention denounced by France in 1919. It also provided for the cession to Italy of Doumeirah Isle in the Red Sea in exchange for a cession of special privileges in Tunisia as from 1945 and 1955. The 1935 accords further granted frontier adjustments in the Somali region and alotted over 2,500 shares in the Djibuti-Addis Ababa Railway to Italy.

If the Italian Government thought the 1935 agreement invalid because it was no longer up-to-date, the French Government might just as well repudiate the principles of the 1896 Convention as not adapted to modern conceptions of right. Paris could then unilaterally establish the status of Italians in Tunisia.

Duce's Pledge Recalled

The Italian Press has invoked the London Pact of 1915 as another reason for denouncing the Laval-Mussolini agreement, the same political quarters remarked. By this pact Britain and France promised frontier revisions in favour of Italy if they themselves gained colonial lands from the Reich.

Answering this argument. French politicians observed that in 1919, a strip of territory between the Ghat and Ghadames Oases was ceded to Italy, who obtained further border revisions in 1935. After the conclusion of the 1935 accords, these circles recalled last night, Signor Benito Mussolini asserted, "All accounts in Africa are now settled."—Havas.

Manœuvre Through Burgos

London, Dec. 23.

The latest Note sent the British Government by Nationalist Spanish Generalissimo was inspired by Italy. It was aimed as part of the "intimidation campaign" launched by Italy prior to the visit to Rome to be paid by the Prime Premier Neville Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, it was stated here today.

The Note complained that war materials for Republican Spain had been transferred from French ships to the Republican destroyer, Jose Luis Diaz, while the latter was in the Bay of Gibraltar. It is understood to press for the grant of belligerency rights to General Franco and conceal new large-scale Italian intervention in Spain, politicians here asserted.

According to authoritative reports, the Note has been completely ignored, however. Mr. Chamberlain is not expected to yield to Italian demands for belligerency rights.

Mr. Chamberlain has been encouraged to adopt a firm attitude both by France and the United States. In the first case, France confirmed during recent Anglo-French parleys that she would cancel all privileges granted Italian residents in Tunisia if Rome insisted upon denunciation of the 1935 accords. The United States' attitude towards dictatorships was clearly indicated by Washington's rejection of Germany's protest over Mr. Ickes' recent "anti-German" speech.—Havas.

Duce's Mouth-piece Opens

Rome, Dec. 23.

The Italian Government will make known its claims upon France "in their own time and in good and proper form," Signor Virginio Gayda wrote today in the "Giornale d'Italia." A "communication made by the Italian to the French Government, brought up in concrete manner a point from which Franco-Italian relations may be developed anew and where problems facing them and still left open may be examined," he said, and added that the "intransigent" attitude adopted beforehand by the French Government, and the "furious, bellicose movements in the French Press and among the people," will serve to change the atmosphere in which will be conducted the projected Franco-Italian negotiations.—Havas.

Reich Satisfied by Lima "Failure"

Least Binding Pact Adopted; Press Hits U.S. "Link with Jews"

Berlin, Dec. 24.

Germany appears highly satisfied with the outcome of the Pan-American Conference at Lima.

The fact that the Argentina resolution on solidarity was passed instead of the much sharper anti-fascist United States' resolution, is generally welcomed here.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" says the United States Delegate returned home with well-nigh empty hands. The resolution passed, declares the paper, is the least binding of all similar pacts and does not say what Washington and especially Wall Street wanted to hear.

"The poisoned fangs," continues the paper, are removed from the United States' plan and the "victors at Lima are the solidarity and national consciousness of Latin American States."

Political quarters suggest that the attitude of the United States to Germany, as evidenced in the speech made by Mr. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, and the sequels to it, is due to disappointment at the outcome of the Lima Conference.

The report that President Roosevelt was awarded the Hebrew medal of 1938 for inaugurating the Evian Conference and helping the Jews generally, was made the occasion for fresh attacks on the United States.

The "Boersen Zeitung" says that this confirms everything said in the German press about the relations between the American Government and international Jewry.—Reuter.

Japanese Diet to Open On Boxing Day

Adjournment to January 20 After Reply to Throne

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

On the eve of the convocation of the 74th session of the Diet all political parties held conventions of Parliamentary members today.

The Diet will be organized tomorrow and the opening ceremony will take place in the House of Peers on December 26 in the presence of the Emperor. After voting on a reply to the Throne the Diet will adjourn on December 28 till January 20. Preparations are under way for new legislation to meet the wartime emergency.

Members in both Houses of the Diet at present are in House of Peers:—Imperial Blood, 16; Kenkyuka, 161; Doseikai, 21; Koseikai, 69; Koyu Club, 35; Dowakai, 31; Tuesday Club, 44; Independent, 36; and House of Representatives:—Minseito, 178; Seiyukai, 170; Dai Ichi Giin Club, 46; Social Mass, 35; Second Waiting Room, 13; Tohokai, 12; Independent, 6; and Unrepresented, 6.—Domei.

Disabled Japanese soldiers will have an opportunity to start life anew by learning a vocation at the expense of the Government through scholarship funds provided by the Wounded Soldiers Protection Board of the Public Welfare Ministry.

Tientsin Telephone Problem Solved

Chinese Take Over Whole Control; Friction Said To Have Been Eased

Tientsin, Dec. 24.

Chinese control was restored over the entire telephone system serving Tientsin today as Mayor Pan Yu-kwei assumed active management of the administration, formerly controlled by the Ministry of Communications of the former Nanking Government.

This followed an exchange of memoranda yesterday between Mr. Pan and the French and British Concession authorities through the good offices of the Italian consul-general. The exchange was also witnessed by the French consul.

Under the arrangement, Mr. Pan will serve on the joint board of French, British, and Italian representatives who took over the operation and management of the telephones serving the British, French and Italian Concessions in July 1937, when the Kuomintang administration was ousted by Japanese military action.

Control of the telephone systems in the Japanese Concession, the former Concessions, known as Special Administrative Districts, and the Chinese City was taken over temporarily by the Japanese and subsequently handed over to the new Chinese regime.

Unrecognized Government

Repeated attempts of the new regime to regain control over the entire system, so as to permit telephone communications between the French and British Concessions and other areas were foiled. Claiming that they had been entrusted with the management by a recognized Chinese government authority, the British and French consular authorities refused to relinquish control. Subsequently, the telephone question became one of the bitter issues between the Concession authorities and the new Chinese regime, which was supported by the Japanese.

The solution of this question, coupled with the recently-announced decision of the French and British Municipal Councils to accept notes of the Federal Reserve Bank in payment of official bills, is regarded here as foreshadowing more cordial relations between the British and French authorities, on the one hand, and the Japanese and Chinese administrations, on the other.—Domei.

Karl Drummond Gets Two Years

Maximum Penalty for Spy Activity in U.S.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.

Karl Drummond, a young aircraft worker, who was found guilty yesterday on two counts of espionage, has been sentenced to two year's imprisonment.

On December 1, Karl Drummond was indicted and charged with attempting to sell to "high Japanese officials," photographs of American Army and Navy 'planes in the course of construction. He was also charged with selling to these officials documents relating to various secret features in the design of these machines.—Reuter.

Hungarian Terrorists Attack Czech Guard

Chust, Dec. 23.

Hungarian terrorists attacked a Czech frontier guard on the Tekovo bridge at 7 p.m. on December 21, but fled after being fired upon, it was officially announced today. The same day, at 8.30 p.m., other terrorists attacked a bridge between Romocovice and Nove Selo, but also fled when fired upon.—Havas.

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The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin cut on princess lines with a short train. The upper part of the high-necked corsage and the long, leg-of-mutton sleeves were of lace. A short, circular veil was worn and she carried a bouquet of lilies, her only ornament being a gold cross at her neck. The bridesmaids were the Misses Lillian Johns and Mary Knox. Their long-skirted princess frocks were of white matt crêpe, the bodices gathered in front and made with shoulder-wide collars of silver lamé and very full long sleeves. Their Juliet caps were of silver lamé and they carried multi-coloured posies. The best man was Mr. R. Guignard and the ushers were Mr. F. C. Grant and Mr. W. J. Dearn.

The bride's mother wore a frock of black marocain trimmed with purple and violets, and a black hat and veil. She carried a bouquet of mauve sweet peas.

After the ceremony a reception was held at 1173 Bubbling Well Road, the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. F. Rawsthorne. The bride went away in a plum-coloured crêpe de Chine dress made with a high collar. Her hat, gloves and shoes were to match, and her accessories were gold.

Polish Community's Festive Season

The Polish community in Shanghai are celebrating the Christmas season with appropriate festivities. On Tuesday evening the Polish Youth Association is giving a big tea dance, the invitations to which have been limited only by the capacity of their present headquarters at 84 Route Pichon to contain the guests. The Polish Minister to China and Mme G. Barthel de Weydenthal will be present, and also the newly-arrived Consul-General for Poland, M. A. Bohomolec. Among other honoured guests will be M. and Mme B. C. Sienkiewicz, Dr. S. Tomaszewski, Dr. and Mme J. G. Chudzynski, M. and Mme Z. K. Tokarjewski, M. and Mme A. Rodkin, M. and Mme M. Krzyzanowski, Dr. and Mme J. Steinman.

The old custom of the *oplatek* will be observed at the party, when a communal wafer, blessed and sent out from Poland by His Eminence Cardinal A. Hland, will be broken and distributed, to be exchanged between guest and guest to the accompaniment of benevolent wishes. A short musical programme will follow.

On January 8 there will be a Christmas tree for the children and a Polish play will be staged by lady members of the Polish Cultural Association.

U.S. and Venezuela to Have Embassies

Washington, Dec. 23.

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New U.S. Secretary of Commerce Appointed

Mr. H. L. Hopkins Succeeds Mr. Daniel Roper

Washington, Dec. 24.

President Roosevelt yesterday appointed Mr. H. L. Hopkins as Secretary of Commerce in succession to Mr. Daniel Roper.

Mr. Hopkins is at present Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, which is a Federal Agency in charge of relief works.

Colonel F. C. Harrington has been appointed to succeed Mr. Hopkins in this capacity.—Reuter.

Conservatives Critical

Washington, Dec. 23.

The appointment of Mr. Hopkins was in many circles interpreted as an attempt to lift the political stigma from the Works Progress Administration, as well as to enhance the prestige of Mr. Hopkins and his assistant in the W.P.A., Mr. Aubrey Williams. Both Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Williams have been the chief targets in Congressional storms over alleged political considerations in the distribution of relief funds.

Mr. Hopkins, the 48-year-old son of an Iowa harness-maker who has spent more than U.S.$9,000,000 of public money during six years, drew scalding criticism from conservative Democrats and Republicans alike. They interpreted the appointment as a move on the part of the President to forestall a Congressional inquiry into the political activity of W.P.A. officials and also to put off stiff opposition to the new US$1,500,000,000 relief appropriation which is to be asked of the new Congress.

However, it was indicated in reliable quarters that Mr. Hopkin's appointment had been made with the approval of the Vice President, Mr. John N. Garner, for which reason despite the heated debates over the matter, the appointment would probably be approved by the Senate. The appointments of Col. Harrington and Mr. Williams do not require Senatorial confirmation.—United Press.

Mr. Hore-Belisha Goes To Strasbourg

Paris, Dec. 23.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, British War Secretary, arrived here this afternoon en route to Strasbourg, where he is to spend the Christmas holidays with some friends. The trip is devoid of all political significance.—Havas.

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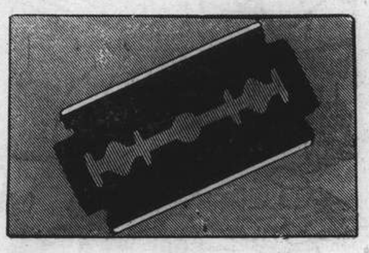
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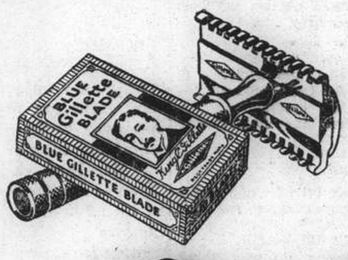

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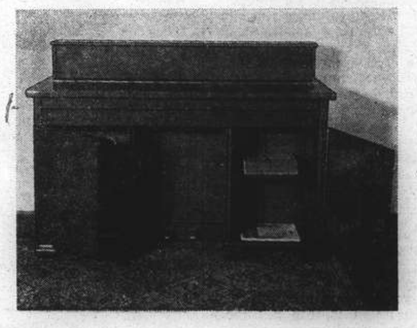
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DR. Chen Tien-fang, until recently Chinese Ambassador to Berlin, formally assumed his new post as President of the Szechuan University on December 23, says the "Chinese American Daily News."

MR. Hsieh Wei-ling, Counsellor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Feng Fei, a secretary, says a report to the "Chinese American Daily News," were relieved of their posts by order of the National Government on December 21.

GENERAL Chang Hsueh-liang, who figured prominently during the "Sian Incident," says a Hongkong message to the "Wen Wei Pao," has been given an important post, and is now in Yuanling, Hunan province.

M. DOYNEL de Saint-Quentin, French Ambassador in Washington, presented to State Under-Secretary, Mr. Sumner Welles, the new French Ambassador to Soviet Russia, M. Paul-Emile Naggiar, who is passing through on his way to France from China. M. Naggiar was formerly Ambassador to China.

THE inheritance tax, as promulgated by the Chinese Government on October 6, last, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao," is expected to be imposed by the beginning of next year, according to information obtained from local Chinese banking circles. Measures for the enforcement of this tax will be carried out gradually in a number of districts.

THE Agricultural Bureau of the Kiangsi Provincial Government, says a report to the "Shun Pao," is shortly establishing a Cotton and Wheat Factory at Ki-an, Kiangsi. Planting in Kiangsi will be undertaken along improved methods, the report adds, while experts and their assistants will be sent out to the various districts to educate the farmers on improved methods of planting.

CHINESE banks, during the past year, contributed a total of $300,000,000 towards the development of the South West provinces, says the "Sin Wan Pao." This amount represented one-third of the total investments made by the banks during the year and was invested in commercial, industrial and agricultural enterprises set up in collaboration with the Chinese Government, the report adds.

MR. Yu Ta-fu, well-known Chinese novelist and essayist, has accepted the invitation of Mr. Aw Boon-haw, Singapore multimillionaire, to become Chief Editor of the "Sin Chew Jit Pao" owned and published by the latter in Singapore, says a report to the "Morning Leader." Mr. Yu will resign from his counsellorship in the Fukien Provincial Government and leave for Singapore shortly, the report adds.

THE Sikang Provincial Government will be formally inaugurated on New Year's Day, says a Chungking report to the "Wen Wei Pao." Mr. Wang Chi-lu, Vice-Minister of the Interior, the report adds, is leaving for Kangting, capital of Sikang, today to officiate at the oathtaking ceremony of members of the provincial government. He will make the inaugural address on behalf of Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan.

PLANS for strengthening China's power of resistance have been decided upon by General Chiang Kai-shek, says a Hongkong report to the "Morning Leader." These plans will embrace the organizing of the Chinese peasantry for resistance and the promotion of education among the masses over an extensive area. The civilians in the guerilla areas, the report adds, will also be mobilized to take part in guerilla warfare under the plans.

As a token of their respect, says a Chungking message to the "Wen Wei Pao, Chinese in Germany have presented a national flag to General Chiang Kai-shek. The flag was presented on their behalf by Dr. Chen Tien-fang, until recently Chinese Ambassador to Berlin, and formally accepted on December 21 by General Chang Chun, Director of the Generalissimo's Headquarters in Chungking on behalf of General Chiang.

THE Chinese Government, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao," is now negotiating with "two other Powers" for loans, following the conclusion of a loan with the British Government and the United States Government. The negotiations with the "two other Powers," the report states, are proceeding satisfactorily. The present favourable international developments, the report adds, are giving rise to an optimistic outlook in Chungking Chinese circles.

THE 160 ft. chimney at Kirkstall Forge, Leeds, is being dismantled because it would be a dangerous landmark in time of war. Kirkstall Forge is one of the largest engineering works in Yorkshire. The chimney has stood for over 70 years, and is being taken down piecemeal by steeplejacks because it cannot be felled owing to the proximity of other buildings. In official circles the view is held that many such chimneys throughout the country might be dispensed with because of the danger they would represent in the event of war.

A COPY of "Made in Australia" for 1938 has been received at this office. the volume has been widely acclaimed by the press of Australia. The Rt. Hon. J. A. Lyons, C.H., Prime Minister of Australia, in his foreword says—"Made in Australia" is in itself a striking illustration of that which it seeks to set out—the ability of Australians to make almost any type of goods, and to make them efficiently and of high quality. The volume covers a wealth of historical information about manufacture in Australia, from earliest times to the present, gathered together within the compass of a single and handsome volume.

Record Christmas Purchases Made

Shop-Keepers are Very Pleased With Sales Made in Last Few Days

Last minute purchasers of Christmas gifts thronged the streets of the central district until late yesterday afternoon and Nanking Road in particular was very congested from noon onwards.

It was difficult indeed to walk in the otherwise spacious department stores and business people in general were very satisfied with this year's transactions.

"Business this year has been far above our expectations," said the manager of one of the department stores when questioned by a representative of the "North-China Daily News" late yesterday, "and we have been obliged to deplete various show-windows of merchandise exhibited there because our stocks were sold out.

"Although it may be unfair to compare this year's turn-over with that for the festive season of 1937," he continued, "figures definitely show that this year's Christmas business is the best we have enjoyed ever since the world-wide depression reached Shanghai in 1932.

"There seems to be more money in circulation although it is hard to say whether the average Shanghailander is actually spending what he intended to or whether a last-minute jovial mood induced him to buy more than he had actually planned."

Asked as to whether useful commodities or luxuries were more in demand, the business man said that the stocking and glove departments had beaten an all time record this year whilst the toy department was amongst those that had been most depleted. The demand however was principally for useful gifts, even though sales-figures for other commodities had sky-rocketted.

All Records Beaten

A shop dealing exclusively in articles for men, seemed very busy also and the manager ventured to say that the season was by far the best in many years, yesterday's business in particular having surpassed all previous records ever since the firm had first gone into business a few years ago.

One of the leading firms of jewellers was also satisfied with this year's trade, the proprietor indicating that sales-figures where about 25 per cent. ahead of those for 1936. "Exchange of course has a great deal to do with that" he commented, "but the turn-over for the past few days seems to augur well for the coming year, and in any case are far ahead of expectancies."

One of the leading confectioners in Shanghai also commented favourably on the business done so far and as a whole, it seems as though Shanghai at least for the festive period seems to have forgotten the drop in exchange, the bad business conditions actually prevailing, and possibly the wolf that may be knocking at the door once a balance-sheet of Christmas purchases will have been drawn up when the festive season is over.

CINCHONA trees, says a Hongkong Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao, have been found growing in Yunnan province and the Chinese Government is now planning to set up a factory for the manufacture of quinine for medicinal purposes.

Child Refugee Hospital Issues Annual Report

Appeal Made to Enable Continuance of Work

What had originally been intended as a provisional hospital for Chinese children who, due to the hostilities were deprived of their regular medical attention, became a permanent institution when the Hospital for Refugee Children which came into existence in December of 1937, decided three months later to continue its functions until such time as the services would no longer be required.

Only 14 patients were in the wards on December 1, 1937, but subsequently the necessary arrangements were made to accommodate upwards of 100, apart of course, from outside patients who daily call to receive treatment.

The annual report, which has just come to hand, states that all the medical work was done thoroughly and scientifically with the hope that records carefully kept may be of some use for future case history studies, and gratitude was expressed to the American Advisory Committee for Civilian Relief, the Shanghai International Red Cross, the Rotary Club and many others who through their kind co-operation have made the hospital a possibility.

In reviewing the medical results obtained, it is of interest to note that of a total of 1,110 cases discharged, 740 were cured or improved whilst 45 cases were un-improved and an additional 47 cases were discharged as not treated.

Mortality Rate Lowered

Of the total number of 268 deaths occurring in the hospital, 106 died 24 hours after admission to the hospital and this alone indicates with what difficulties the staff had to cope due to the fact that in most cases the children are only brought to the hospital when their ailments have made vast progress. There was a high rate of mortality during the first few months of operations but this was mainly due to the poor conditions existing in the various refugee camps where the patients had lived.

Financially, the hospital depends entirely on support from organizations and individuals, donations coming mainly from the organizations which make regular contributions and which have thus enabled the Board of Directors to fix a monthly budget of $3,000. The total expenditure for the year has been $36,225.19 of which about one third was spent on salaries. Considering, however, that there are some 24 doctors, most of whom devote all their time to the work in the hospital, and that particularly in a Children hospital a large nursing staff is required, this amount is very reasonable.

Malnutrition was the worst enemy which doctors and nurses had to face, according to the annual report, whilst 38 per cent. of all patients suffered from infectuous diseases such as tuberculosis, dysentry, typhoid and whooping cough. Most of the work was medical, only 39 minor operations having been performed throughout the year under review.

Support from Shanghai residents and organizations is being solicited in the report, as the future of the hospital must be secured until such time as condition will permit its closing.

Christmas Events In Shanghai

Many Yuletide Church Services; Plenty of Sporting Fixtures

Today is Christmas Day and, in common, with other cities throughout the world Shanghai, in spite of the depressing times, will celebrate the event in the royal manner befitting such an occasion. For Shanghailanders there has been arranged a programme of events today to suit all tastes and there is no doubt that Christmas 1938 will go down in the city's annals as a brave show in face of adverse conditions—a set of conditions which, however, does not deter the populace from casting gloom to the four winds at this festive period, and indulging in the gaiety and joyous celebrations which have marked more prosperous times in the city's history.

In the cabarets, loaded with decorations and ablaze with electric lights, there were happy times last night for many of Shanghai's foreign population decided to have their celebrations in the atmosphere of gay music and laughter to be found in the entertainment spots. The cinemas, too, have a special programme of feature pictures to delight both young and old alike, and crowded houses are certain today.

Cup Matches

On the sports fields there is an attractive programme of soccer matches, four games in the first round of the Tsz Ling Cup being played this afternoon. All the matches will be played at 2.30 and are as follows: Abteilung v French Forces at the Racecourse, Kwang Lou v U.T. Party at Kiaochow Park, Russian Regiment v Bramtoco at the Racecourse, and J.R.C. v P.T.H. at the Racecourse. In addition there will be a Reserve Division game between A.S.F. and Tung Hwa at Kiaochow Park at 10.45 this morning.

Special Christmas services have been arranged at all Shanghai churches and at Holy Trinity Cathedral there will be a celebration of Holy Communion (also in the Bubbling Well Chapel) at 7 a.m. and 8. There will be Mattins and sermon at 10.30 with Dean A.C.S. Trivett as preacher, the service being broadcast over station X.Q.H.B. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11.45 a.m. and Evensong and sermon at 6 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. E. J. Ottewell, with the Rev. P. C. Matthews at Bubbling Well Chapel.

Musical Services

The Rev. John P. Minter will preach at 11 a.m. in the Community Church on the theme "What child is this?" Mr. R. V. Dent at the organ will accompany two special anthems sung by the choir and there will be a solo by Miss Myra Bancroft Olive. Tonight in the Navy Y.M.C.A. there will be a special service for members of the armed forces.

At the Union Church a special musical service will be held conducted by the Rev. C. W. Allan. Solos will be rendered by Mr. David McGavin, Miss W. Allan, Miss Betty Umpleby and Miss McLennan, with special items by the choir.

On board the foreign warships in port special Christmas services will be held and the church parades of the troops stationed in the city will have a Christmas flavour. All British ships have been decorated with boughs of green as is the custom in the Royal Navy and some merchant vessels, too, carry green sprigs on their masts.

Kiddies Party at Foreign "Y" is Huge Success

Some 550 underprivileged children were the guests of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. at a Christmas party yesterday afternoon which took place in the Gymnasium commencing at 2.30 o'clock. Whilst parents, friends and members of the Y. M. C. A. were the interesting onlookers from the balcony of the gymnasium, the children were treated to the performance of Chinese acrobats and other entertainers whereafter the all important tea was served. It definitely was a pleasure to see the children put away such huge quantities of sandwiches, buns, chocolate and cocoa and this part of the programme took up the greater part of the afternoon.

When finally there was no more space left in the 550 stomachs, the light went out for a short but amusing cinema performance during which "Popeye the Sailor" and various other cartoons were greeted with ovations from the thankful little guests.

The highlight of the afternoon however was the arrived by way of the chimney, of Mr. Santa Claus who had a parcel for each one of the youngsters, containing one warm garment and a toy.

Shortly afterwards the 550 youngsters were reluctantly compelled to leave for home, happy to have had the privilege to enjoy the nice part about Christmas in an otherwise—what must appear to them of being—a dreary world.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Club Crushes British Army Before Large Crowd

Innes Goes Over for Three Tries in Brilliant Style; Bright Rugger Seen Throughout

PLAYING most attractive football throughout the game, the Club first fifteen easily took the measure of a British Army side at the Race Course yesterday afternoon, winning without being pressed by twenty-one points (three placed goals, one penalty goal and one try) to nil. The entire team played well together, smooth handling, good passing, excellent work among the forwards and fine kicking featuring a game that was thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd of spectators. The outsides for the civilians went through the Army's defence time after time and only sterling work by the Services' backs kept the score own, for at one period of the match it seemed that the Club was about to record a huge score.

Innes, the left wing threequarter, had a field day, going over for three good tries, showing brilliant all round attacking and defensive ability and being up with the ball on every possible occasion.

Mills, too, was in fine fettle and was responsible for opening up the play to put his backs away time after time. His defensive work, also, was up to a high level. Roe and Hutchison both played a determined game and although they did not show up as well as some of their team-mates, they made the best of whatever opportunities came their way. Rigg, at full back, was as safe as a rock, and his kicking, excellent as usual, stood the Club in good stead.

For the Army Wallis put in a terrific amount of hard work but more often than not he found himself leading a pack that was not quite as good as that of the Club, with the natural result that his outsides saw little of the ball. When they did, however, they were not allowed to get far enough away to be threatening, the Club's backs all being on form in bringing them down. Hill, Hall and Evans did useful work throughout.

CLUB 1ST XV:—W. H. B. Rigg; I. M. Hutchison, A. P. D. Kennedy, R. H. Roe, P. J. A. Innes; G. M. Mills, T. R. Bassett; W. D. Pearson, J. F. Burford, F. W. Dunhill, G. G. Brown, A. M. Kennedy, P. B. Tay, R. U. Reynolds and W. J. Richmond.

BRITISH ARMY XV:—Capt. Barclay; Pte. Carruthers, Driver Woods, Lieut. Poyntz, Lieut. Hill; Pte. Hardiment, Pte. Walmesley; Pte. Crew; Lieut. I. A. MacLaglen, Pte. Peck, Pte. Marshall, Pte. Searles, Sgnlman. Hall, Lieut. Wallis and Sgnlman Evans.

Referee: Mr. E. McLaren.

Loose Midfield Play

After the first five minutes had brought about a great deal of loose play in midfield, the Club began to press hard, and, keeping the ball inside the Army 25 for the next ten minutes, threatened to score on three occasions, Roe, Mills and Innes, having hard luck in not getting through. After a quarter of an hour, however, after attack had been launched Bassett put Mills away with a delightfully timed pass that caught the defence on the wrong foot. Quick to seize their advantage, the civilians transferred the ball at lightning pace to Innes on the wing, and this player easily side stepped his way past three opponents to touch down under the posts for the first try, which Rigg unaccountably missed converting from a very easy angle.

The next five minutes saw a battle royal between the opposing packs and at this period of the game the Army was very much in evidence, but try as they might, they could not break down a stone wall defence.

The Club, however, maintained their pressure and after the game had swung round to the other end and after the ball had been hovering near the Army line for a few minutes, the servicemen were penalized fifteen yards out and Rigg made no mistake with a none too easy kick, the ball sailing well over the bar and between the posts.

Perfect Pass to Mills

Almost immediately afterwards, the Club attacked again and from a set scrum on the Army 25, Bassett whipped out a perfectly judged pass to Mills who, in turn, handed on to Roe. The latter drew two men and let the ball out to Innes who made a short burst to take him past three defenders and touch down under the posts. Rigg added the necessary points with the ensuing kick.

In the second half, the Army pack made determined efforts to break through the air tight defence of the Club, and on a few occasions nearly succeeded, but excellent defensive and backing up work by their opponents nullified all attempts. Wallis showed up remarkably well at this juncture and it appeared to those present that he alone, would go through, but well-timed smother tackles told their tale.

After having delivered their assault, the Army drooped and there was little doubt then as to the final result. A few good service runs might have yielded results had there been proper backing up, but apart from these individual attempts, there was only one side in it.

Half way through the second half, the Club's pack footed the ball down the field and blocked by the Army defence near the goal line, secured and got it back for A. P. D. Kennedy to make a spectacular dash to go over near the posts. Rigg was again entrusted with the kick and he made no mistake.

The last ten minutes saw the Club enjoying a great territorial advantage and after another excellent threes movement had been put in progress, Innes secured to finish off an excellent afternoon's work by tallying once more under the posts. Rigg added the remaining touches to bring the final score to 21 to nil.

Soccer Results Here At a Glance

The results of league and cup soccer matches played in Shanghai yesterday were:

TSZ LING CUP

Sokol 3, Ching Hwa 2
Area Details 3, Hotspurs 0
Rowing Club 5, R.A.M.C. 1

RESERVE DIVISION

Surreys 7, S.F.X. 4
S.M.P. 8, Lusitano 2

Seaforths Held to Scoreless Draw

Forwards Have Field Day As Club 3rd Team Keeps Soldiers in Check

In a very closely contested game at the Race Course yesterday afternoon, the Club 3rd XV and a Seaforth Highlanders' side, went hammer and tongs at each other for an hour's most interesting rugby, neither team being able to open its account and the final result read: no score. The forwards of both teams had a field day, the ball being kept between them for the greater part of the match, the outsides naturally, seeing but little of it. When they did, though, excellent efforts were made at opening out the game, but the packs quickly descended upon the scene and more or less claimed the ball as their own.

St. Louis and Ward did a try to create openings for their outsides and both played thoroughly good games throughout the match, three swerving runs by the latter deserving at least to score once. Reynolds was about the best of the Club pack, his aggressive tactics being the best thing possible on a soggy pitch. McKeown led the forwards well and keeping them well together was able to have the ball at the pack's feet in several well-timed rushes that almost opened the score on more than one occasion.

For the Scots, Veasey, Butterfield and Waud showed up well among the forwards with Crowe, Duffy and McKenzie rendering fine support.

CLUB THIRD XV:—A. G. White; E. S. Blackwood, R. N. Bryant, S. J. Ward, B. H. McMichael; L. R. St. Louis, L. R. Hocking; T. D. Adams, J. W. Chapman, G. L. Hinds, F. T. McKeown, L. D. M. Beattie, G. H. Reynolds and W. P. Hetherington.

SEAFORTHS:—Pte. Ward; Pte. Duffy, Pte. McLean, L/C. McKenzie, Pte. Bland; Pte. Crowe, Pte. Cameron; Cpl. Veasey, L/C. Paul, Pte. McPhee, Pte. Miller, Sgt. Butterfield, L/C. Waud, Pte. Atkinson and Pte. Cookson.

Referee: Rev. P. C. Matthews.

Ding Dong Struggle

At the commencement of the game the Club threatened upon numerous occasions, footrushes and three well executed handling movements among the backs, nearly spelling disaster for the Army men. A good defence, however, prevented any score being recorded and as the game wore on it was apparent that nothing short of a crack sprinter would elude either defence.

Putting their backs to the wall the Scots came back with a will and having their fair share of the ball in the tight and loose were able to give their opponents many an anxious moment before the ball could be cleared from the danger zone. The Club forwards, however, kept the ball at their feet and several forceful rushes had the Scots at sixes and sevens for minutes on end. Then, just as spectators were anticipating a score, the Highlanders would come back and the boot was was on the other foot with the Club players having to give of their best to retain a clean sheet.

And so it went on throughout the game, a ding-dong battle being waged from one end to the other with neither side giving way. The nearest scoring attempt occurred when McKeown was pulled down on the line with the ball, half the Scotsmen hitting him simultaneously from all angles.

Forcing Through the Pack

R. Morris, Gloucester forward, forces a way through against Guy's at Honor Oak Park in spite of the efforts of J. C. Bulstrode on the right of the picture.

Cricket Test Match Beginning

Contest Expected to Be Very Even

Johannesburg, Dec. 24.

After an evening of rain, in which the wicket was well protected, the weather here turned very warm. The turf of the test wicket has not been used for three years.

The South African team considers that its chances for the test match today are increased by the decision of the English Captain not to play Len Hutton, the young Yorkshire record-breaker, who was struck on the head by a ball during the first day's play of the match between the M.C.C. and Transvaal on December 17. It should be a very even match. Ames is keeping wicket for the M.C.C.

The opposing teams, are:

ENGLAND — Hammond (captain) Valentine, Yardley, Gibb, Edrich, Goddard, Paynter, Verity, Wilkinson, and Ames, with Bartlett as twelfth man.

SOUTH AFRICA—Melville (captain), Mitchell, Nourse, Wade, Viljoen, Vanderbyl, Langton, Davies, Dalton, Gordon, and Bond.—Reuter.

Boston Red Sox Make Big Deals

New York, Dec. 15.

The Boston Red Sox started their drive toward building up a winning team by swinging a large scale deal today.

Through purchases and trades they obtained seven men, two of them through the payment of cash. The Beantown nine traded Ben Champman to the Indians for Dennis Galehouse, pitcher of the Cleveland Indians, and Tony Irwin, shortstop of the Portland Beavers.

In the cash deals they obtained the services of Jim Coleman of the Detroit Tigers and Wimpy Wilburn, shortstop of the Toledo nine.—United Press.

French Forces XV Wins with Ease

Winners Run Rings Round Weak Club 4th Fifteen; Score of 23-3

Running rings around a very weak Club 4th XV at the Race Course yesterday afternoon, the French Forces 2nd side ran out eventual winners by the lop-sided margin of 23 points (one placed goal and six tries) to three (one try). The first half was quite interesting, the score at the interval being six to three in the Frenchmen's favour, but after the resumption, the Forces just did as they liked and ripping the Club defence wide open, scored at will with monotonous regularity.

The Club were several players short when the game began two Frenchmen and Cockburn, of the Police coming in later to help them out of their difficulties, but the fast pace that the Forces maintained throughout told its tale in the end, the Club nearly seeing the French 25 in the second period.

The Frenchmen played a forceful, open game that had the Club on the defensive and it would come as no surprise to see many of the winners given a trial in the near future in the first fifteen. Several forwards and backs, Dabbene, Founs, Vilm, Joerg and Abraham, did well.

Ludas, Okimoto and Bennett did well for the civilians but they were outplayed from start to finish by a much more powerful aggregation and the result, one sided as it might seem, was a fair indication of the run of the play.

Paperhunt Won by J. H. Liddell

Small Field as Riders Await Christmas Hunt; Pollock Rides 1st "Y"

BY "THE CHASER"

The fifth hunt of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club was held yesterday afternoon and was led by Messrs. J. K. Brand and Chester Fritz, the winner of the previous hunt. The hunt was won by J. H. Liddell who finished first on Siboar while G. Pollock on Keep Off (late White Scamp) was the first 'Y' in and therefore was also a winner. The pair hovered into sight after three quarters of an hour and were well ahead of the others at the finish. Only a small field turned out as most of the people were reserving their ponies for the big hunt—the Christmas Hunt—and only about forty riders competed.

The Card

1. J. H. Liddell on Siboard (Z)
2. G. Pollock on Keep Off (Y)
3. Dr. Y. H. Chou on Walnut (Z)
4. Mrs. E. Andrews on Slipus (Y)
5. Mrs. L. Morton on Dahma (Z)
6. A. A. White on White Major (Y)

Winners: J. H. Liddell and G. Pollock.
Challenge Cup qualification: Keep Off.

The going was rather heavy and several dirty coats were in evidence while the ponies finished all in. Lutey and the Master, Mr. H. M. Spence, got off to a bad start, both tasting mother earth twice before the hunt had gone half a mile.

Pollock gave a grand diving exhibition when he flew in head first at a wade, but nevertheless came out smiling. Alec White, not to be out done, repeated the performance, entering the creek with a stylish swan dive and like Pollock came out without a scratch to finish sixth.

Miss D. Herzberg was unfortunate to lose her pony after finishing just off the card. After she had dismounted the pony refused to move a step and then lay down and died in a few minutes.

The Christmas hunt will be held tomorrow afternoon and will start at Keswick's Garden, Hungjao Road, at 3 o'clock and in keeping with the usual custom, the Master will lay the hunt. The finish will be announced after the hunt has started.

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U.S. Marines Beat Club 2nd

Nucleus of Powerful Fifteen Seen in Season's Debut of American Servicemen

MAKING their 1938/9 debut at the Race Course yesterday afternoon, the United States Marines 1st XV defeated the Club 2nd team in a good, but rather one-sided game, by eight points (one placed goal and a try) to three (one try). The Americans had by far the greater share of the match and at one period threatened to score at will, but as time wore on, it became increasingly evident that although the Marines have the nucleus of a very powerful fifteen, they need more match play, for actual playing experience. Time after time yesterday, the Marine threes found themselves in good positions only to throw away excellent opportunities due, no doubt, to lack of knowledge of finer points of the game.

They have a very hard working pack that is not likely to be beaten by many teams in Shanghai during the coming months, their following up, shoving and foraging all being very good. Their scrum-half, though, was a trifle slow in getting his outsides away, but he paid his opposite number very close attention and all in all, this player, Farrell, did very well.

Havriluk, the speedy and strongly built left winger, proved a constant threat to the Club and when he learns how to pass a little more accurately, he too, is going to be a most useful outside. Conrad, the full-back, did all that was asked of him in a perfectly competent manner, his kicking and fielding both being very good indeed. Bixler, the captain of the side, led the forwards well and, working hard himself, set his pack a fine example. Juracko, Solloway, Harley and Cooper all showed up well and there is little doubt that with a little more practice the Marines will be a definite threat to the senior Shanghai sides.

For the Club, Laird, Read, Martin and Carey played plucky games, their tackling and kicking all being up to a high standard.

MARINES 1ST XV:—Pte. Conrad; Pte. Blondin, Pte. Petro, Pte. Walker; Pte. Depizol, Pte. Farrell; Pte. Ciszek, Pte. Juracko, Pte. Solloway, Pte. Harley, Pte. Zarchecki, Pfc. Bixler, Pte. Ferra and Pte. Cooper.

CLUB 2ND XV:—J. L. R. Mair; J. W. M. Martin, A. S. Read, I. F. Aucott, O. P. Edwards; A. Thomas, R. Laird; F. R. L. Carey, M. N. Speyer, G. A. Yanus, J. D. Sayle, J. March, J. R. M. Warner, D. M. Wheeler and W. V. K. Chadwick.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Dunkley.

Club Shoved About

Right at the commencement of the game it was observed that the "Leathernecks" had an average weight advantage of approximately forty pounds per man, which utilized to the full in set and loose scrums soon resulted in the Club's forwards being shoved all over the field. The Marines got down quickly and in good style.

The American outsides, too, soon gave evidence that they had been putting in a great deal of practice in the handling department, passes at all angles being picked up with ease by players who were moving at speed. Unfortunately, however, for themselves, they made the mistake of trying to go through impenetrable barriers of human flesh when a judicious pass to an unmarked team mate might have brought about better results.

As the game progressed, it was noticed that instead of improving in this respect, the Marines did just the opposite, and this is one of the few points to which they will have to pay attention if they hope to do well in Shanghai competition.

After ten minutes, during which the play was confined to the Club 25, the Marines' pack took the ball at its feet and literally shoving their smaller opponents off the ball, took it over the line for Juracko to add the finishing touches shalf way between the posts and corner flag. Harley, with an excellent kick from a difficult angle, added the extra points.

Keen Tackling

The remainder of the opening half was all in favour of the Americans and two efforts by Harley, taking penalties, failed narrowly to add to the score. Keen tackling by the Club players, however, was to a great extent responsible in keeping the score down to a minimum, Laird, in particular, doing well in his tussles with Farrell.

Havriluk and Walker both were pulled down when in full cry for the line, Mair's work in this respect being most commendable.

The second half saw the Marines attacking and upon several occasions it appeared almost certain that they would go over, but desperate defensive efforts kept them out until ten minutes from the end, when Havriluk, with a short burst on the blind side from a five yards scrum in the Club half, went over near the flag. Harley's ensuing kick was just short.

After this reverse the Club came back with a will and almost on no-side, Aucott secured and selling a glorious dummy, handed over to Martin just inside the Americans' half. The winger, using his great speed to advantage, managed to elude the tackles of four defenders to go over the line for a most spectacular try close to the corner flag. Thomas' kick failed.

Armstrong to Defend Title Again

Los, Angeles, Dec. 24.

"Hurricane Henry" Armstrong world-title holder, is to defend his welterweight boxing crown against the Mexican flash Baby Arizmendi on January 10, 1939. The fight is to go a distance of ten rounds.—Havas.

CHRISTMAS SPORTS

Today

SOCCER:—Tsz Ling Cup 1st Round.—Abteilung *v.* French Forces, R.G.1, 2.30 p.m., S. E. Burt, Kwang Lou *v.* U.T. Party, Kiaochow, 2.30 p.m., S. U. Woo; Russ. Regt. *v.* Bramtoco, R.G.2, 2.30 p.m., A. C. Sinclair; J.R.C. *v.* P.T.H., R.G.5, 2.30 p.m., C. Mahon.

Reserve division.—A.S.F. *v.* Tung Hwa, Kiaochow, 10.45 a.m., L. Chang.

Tomorrow

SOCCER:—Marine Engineers' Charity Cup Match.—Foreign XI *v.* Chinese XI, Canidrome, 2.45 p.m., J. Anderson. Line: W. T. Sung, A. G. B. Carnell.

Reserve division.—Aurora *v.* S.R.C., Kiaochow, C. F. Lee.

3rd division.—Vitiaz *v.* Betar, R.G.5, E. M. Marchetti; Russ. Club *v.* Area Details, R.G.1, N. Fadeyeff; Tung Wen *v.* Xaverians, R.G.2, A. L. McCorkindale; P.T.H. *v.* "S" F.C., Kiaochow, 10.00 a.m., Z. T. Loh.

Unless otherwise stated all matches commence at 3 p.m. Cup Ties, which result in a draw after full time, must play an additional 15 minutes each way.

MEN'S HOCKEY:—Shanghai Hockey Club v. Shaforce, R.G.3, 2.45 p.m.

United Hockey XI Upset at Last

H.M.S. Suffolk Defeats League Leaders by 2-0 In Friendly Game

The United Hockey Club senior eleven, the leading team in Shanghai at present, suffered their first defeat of the season at the Race Course yesterday afternoon in a friendly game in which they were defeated by H.M.S. Suffolk by a margin of two clear goals.

The Navy team played an aggressive game. Their defence was solid, giving the fast United forwards no chance to tally. Spittle, centre-half, was the most outstanding player for not only he was a tower of strength in defence but he also participated in many forward movements. His handling of the stick and generalship were fine. Stone in goal was good for he saved some difficult situations. The wingers were very speedy, always outrunning the United defenders. Fletcher on the left was dangerous whenever he had possession of the ball. His running helped him to score the Suffolk's second goal in the second half. The first tally was made by Centre-forward Baker in the first period. Following were the line-ups:—

SUFFOLK:—Stone, Smith, Culmer, Sutherland, Spittle, Penton, Wittington, Nichols, Baker, Nichols, Fletcher.

UNITED:—Leitao, Pate, Collaco, Fonseca, Oliveira, Bergiot, Baker, Waldman, Kermani, Murray, Veir.

United Club Weakened

The United Club started with only ten men. Kermani failed to show up at the scheduled hour and gave the sailors an advantage. Pate and Collaco were kepy busy and n the 5th minute they allowed the opponents to score. Inside-right Nichols made the play which resulted in Baker sending a fast shot past Leitao during a short scramble in front of the goal.

A few minutes later Veir broke away from the right. He ran the ball through and crossed over for Baker to tap it behind, missing the objective by inches.

Play became fast as both goals were visited. Fletcher drove wild when well placed. Later on, Leitao saved a hard shot from Nichos and in the next moment Stone was seen saving a drive from Waldman. The sailors pressed persistently. Nichols, Spittle, and Baker each missed a chance to increase the lead.

Kermani arrived in the 20th minute. The rewcomer engineered two plays but Smith and Culmer proved unbeatable. More than that, Spittle was always there to spoil the civilians' efforts.

Before half-time Leitao pulled a good save from Spittle, who ran all the way down to give the United keeper a surprise. Nichols had another shot which went wild before the interval arrived.

Navy Aggressive

The Navy repeated their performance of the previous half and tallied a second goal within five minutes through Fletcher, who ran the ball into the United goal all by himself. Pate tried to stop him but failed. The winger fired a swift shot past Leitao.

By no means discouraged, the trailers rallied. Fonseca gave his forwards a big hand but he and Waldman each missed a golden opportunity from close in.

Midway through the session, the sailors nearly chalked up a third goal from a short corner. Spittle drove in a hard low shot. The ball bounced off Leitao's pad but it stopped dead near the goal-line. Nichols and Fletcher ran forward, trying to convert it, but the attempt was futile as the goalkeeper fortunately saved the situation.

Fear of Trouble Cancels Match

Perpignan, Dec. 24.

An international rugby match which had been scheduled between French and Italian teams for Christmas Day in this town, was suddenly cancelled yesterday. It is reported that the Italian authorities forbade their players to appear on the field for fear there would be anti-Italian demonstrations.—Trans-Ocean.

Rowing Club Gains Easy Victory

R.A.M.C. Badly Beaten in Tsz Ling Cup Soccer Game By Six-One

In the first round of the Tsz Ling Cup the Shanghai Rowing Club defeated the R.A.M.C. yesterday afternoon by 6 goals to 1. They had the best of the game throughout and had the soldiers outclassed in every respect. The Club had a very easy win and will probably meet with far greater opposition in the next round.

Rowing Club:—Sinclair, Beattie, Fabian, Dodd McLorn, Muir, Harris, Harrison, Shellam, Harvey, Smith.

R.A.M.C.:—Wilkes, Higgenbottom, Plumb, Wilmot, Eatwell Whybro, Garside, Goodman, Lewis, Russell, Royal.

Referee:—Mr. Mahon.

Wild Passing

The Club kicked off with the sun at their backs and were not slow in getting into their stride. Their passing was wild at times but they at least made some attempt to keep the ball amongst their own players which is more than the soldiers could do. For the greater part of the first half play was concentrated in the R.A.M.C. territory. Only on two occasions did the soldiers manage to break away but their attack was not supported by the other members of the team.

Lewis was the first to get through the Club's defence when he took a long upfield pass from Plumb and, running forward, managed to beat Beattie but was tackled by Fabian who put him off his stride and forced him to shoot too quickly and put the ball past the post.

This was the only time during the first half that the soldiers got within shooting range, the remainder of the play being in the able hands of the Club's players. Smith scored the first goal and was closely followed by Harvey who put in two against the soldiers in quick succession.

After the restart Royal made an attempt to get through and made a few solo runs into the Club goal area but was too well marked by Beattie. Only one attempt was successful and scored an easy goal from a wing shot. The Club redoubled their efforts and a good goal was scored when Smith headed the ball over from the wing and struck the crossbar whence the ball rebounded to Harrison who had only to tap it to get it into the net.

Club Far Superior

Harvey and Smith between them kept on pressing and between them got another goal shortly before time. Harrison quickly followed up just before the whistle blew with a pass to wing which resulted in another point for the Rowing Club.

The soldiers were very much out of condition and did not appear to be fielding their best team but even taking this into account there seems to be little excuse for their poor teamwork and inability to pass the ball to members of their own side instead of kicking wildly and failing to follow up any advantage gained. The final score of 6-1 against the R.A.M.C. was not unexpected as the club were by far the fitter and heavier team and superior in all respects.

Tsz Ling Trophy Play Begins

Area Details Too Strong For Hotspurs in Tame Game at Race Course

In the first round football match of the Tze Ling Cup, the Area Details team defeated the Hotspurs by the score of 3-0. The game was very dull and uninteresting, in view of the fact that the Details were far stronger in defence than were the Portuguese team in attack. Consequently the game developed into a succession of corner-kicks and goal-kicks at the Hotspurs' end.

The soldiers did not score however until the second half, when their centre-forward, Andrews, scored two goals and inside-right Phimister put the finishing touch to a good pass by Sutherland. The Hotspurs' goal-keeper, Palma, played a very good game and kept his goal intact until, during the second half, he was injured in a collision with the burly Andrews. He had a very able deputy in Braga, who took his place between the "sticks" this player stopping some "hot" shots including one at point blank range from a distance of not more than ten yards.

The teams were:—

AREA DETAILS:—Forsyth, Chalmers, Weir: Sutherland, Simpson, Dunlop: Howes, Phimister, Andrews, McBride, Ferguson.

HOTSPURS:—Palma: Grout, M. Pereira; Semra, A. Remedios, J. W. Remedios; E. Braga, Nieper, A Pereira, B. Remedios, E. Braga.

Details Attack

The Portuguese won the toss and decided to take advantage of the win, which was counteracted by having to play with the sun in their eyes.

Good work by Ferguson on the left wing and Dunlop his supporting half-back almost brought about the downfall of the Hotspurs citadel, but the outside-left placed his shot just over the bar. In a breakaway, the young Portuguese team showed promise, when E. Braga got away on the right wing and sent a good shot which tested Forsyth but owing to lack of support from the winger's inside forwards, the ball was cleared.

In one of several attacks by the Area Details, Palma fell to the ground in an attempt to save a shot from Ferguson, the ball crossing the goalmouth to Howes who put it back for Palma, although on the ground, to punch it to one of his backs who eventually cleared up the field. The soldiers continued to press until the interval without, however, opening their account.

Second Half

Upon the resumption the continual pressure by the Army team brought a goal, Andrews beating Palma from close range. The same player added another five minutes later from a good pass by Howes, who was playing a good game at outside-right, swinging over several centres which should have been the means of increasing the score with a little more shooting power in the inside berths.

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Red Terror; 2, Snow Dale.
½ length.—Time, 27.27.
Win, $27.30. Forecast (5-4) Div. $252.10.
Place 1st $15.30; 2nd $19.10.

2—500 yd. flat.—1, Chihli Black Dragon; 2, Luss Shore, General D.H.
Win, $13.90. Forecast (3-4, 3-5) Div. 4½, dead heat.—Time, 30.38.
$47.20, $60.90.
Place, 1st $7.40; 2nd $10.10, $13.50.
Double Event 1/2 (5-3) Div. $40.90.

3—500 yd. flat.—1, Brilliant Bill; 2, Outside.
4 lengths.—Time, 30.29.
Win, $26.20. Forecast (5-1) Div. $111.90.
Place, 1st $13.70; 2nd $11.10.
Double Event 2/3 (3-5) Div. $51.40.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Master Bill; 2, Bandit.
1 length.—Time, 30.49.
Win, $29.40. Forecast (1-2) Div. $228.80.
Place, 1st $15.10; 2nd $15.30.
Double Event 3/4 (5-1) Div. $63.50.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Pat's Girl; 2, Rita Dale.
4½ lengths.—Time, 29.96.
Win, $41.70. Forecast (1-5) Div. $196.70.
Place, 1st $14.40; 2nd $14.80.
Double Event 4/5 (1-1) Div. $83.50.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Jubilee Queen; 2, Star Boy.
1½ lengths.—Time, 30.01.
Win, $10.10. Forecast (2-3) Div. $47.20.
Places, 1st $9.20; 2nd $12.
Double Event 5/6 (1-2) Div. $38.20.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Jacinthe; 2, Jenny Wren.
4 lengths.—Time, 29.97.
Win, $25.30. Forecast (4-3) Div. $174.20.
Place, 1st $15.60; 2nd $13.20.
Double Event 6/7 (2-4) Div. $46.10.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Daleson; 2, Actor.
½ length.—Time, 30.15.
Win, $18. Forecast (1-4) Div. $246.10.
Place, 1st $11.20; 2nd $21.40.
Double Event 7/8 (4-1) Div. $91.30.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Mr. Hattagee; 2, Glenapp.
1½ length.—Time, 30.01
Win, $48. Forecast (6-5) Div. $172.20.
Place, 1st $18.40; 2nd $8.50.
Double Event 8/9 (1-6) Div. $339.10.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Messenger Boy; 2, Judy.
1 length.—Time, $29.88.
Win, $27.70. Forecast (2-1) Div. $72.
Place, 1st $11.20; 2nd $7.50.
Double Event 9/10 (6-2) Div. $134.90.

11—525 yd. flat.—1, Wanstead; 2, Instructor.
2 lengths.—Time 31.15
Win, $35.50. Forecast (2-3) Div. $181.70
Place, 1st $16.80; 2nd $15.50.
Double Event 10/11 (2-2) Div. $48.

12—525 yd. flat.—1, Happy Troy; 2, Merry Widow.
½ lengths.—Time 30.88.
Win, $16.60. Forecast: (4-2) Div. $47.60.
Place 1st $8.80; 2nd $7.80
Double Event 11/12 (2-4) Div. $72.30.

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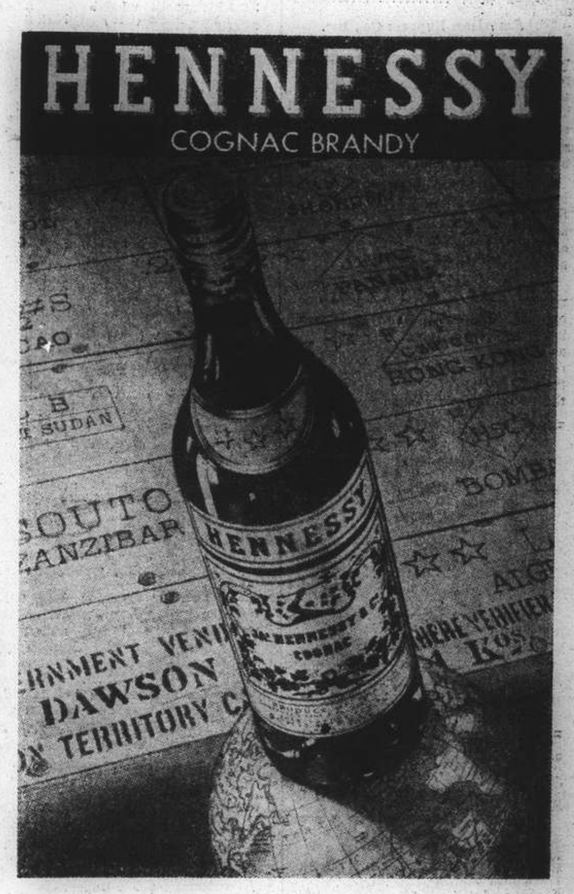

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It was reported speculators bought. Sellers were reserved. Market steady. After the official fixing the market remained quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 17/32 sterling and 16 9/16 U.S.$.

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Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Dec. 23.

Japan	78⅝	London	1/5 59/64
New York	287½	2 mths	
Shanghai	50¼	" (sellers)	1/5 61/64
Hongkong	86¼	" (buyers)	1/5 57/64

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	466.50	Bombay	1/5 15/16
Paris	177.12	Hongkong	1/3 1/16
Berlin	11.64	Singapore	2/4
Amsterdam	8.58½	Yokohama	1/2
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Berlin	40.10	Japan	27.21
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.90
Holland	54.35	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.63⅜	C'slovakia	3.43½
Brussels	16.85½	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.74
S'zerland	22.58½	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.02	Greece	0.85⅝
Norway	23.44	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.82	Finland	2.06
Montreal	99.000	Poland	18.92½
Brazil	5.95		

London	4.66⅜
" Demand	4.66¼
" Bankers' 60 Days Bills	4.65½
" Commercial 60 Days Bills	4.65½
Buenos Aires, Paper	28.93
" " Market Rate	22.85
Montreal on London	4.71

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

Dec. 23.

London:

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 5/32%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/32%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B
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Consolidated Mines	.003	.003
Demonstration	.28	.29
Masbate	.19	.19
North Camarines	.64	.64
San Mauricio	1.20	1.80
Surigao Consolidated	.40	.40
United Paracale	.62	.60

Turnover: 1,223,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (closing prices) 109.43.
—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Dec. 23.

Trading on the Berlin sharemarket was rather irregular today partially due to Jewish sales while bank customers had placed small buying orders. AEG. General Electrics gained 1 per cent. and was quoted at 114.5, Bayrische Motorenwerke went up 1¾ points to 145.5 and Berger 2 points to 144.75 while Siemens lost 1⅛ at 188. Callmoney stood at 2⅝ to 2⅞ per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Only feature in the morning's trading was the increased activity in Shanghai Lands which registered a new high level of $10.00 in the transaction of 16,000 shares. The market opened with business at $9.50 being 10 cents in advance of yesterday's closing, advanced to $10 and closed at $9.95 with further sellers at that rate.

For the rest the market was quiet.

Official Averages

1938 High	Low		Today's Average	Change
146.91	100.30	General	133.57	+0.21
149.31	95.55	Rubbers	139.32	unc.

Total 30,862 shares 110 bonds.

Morning Session

T11,000 China Realty 8% Debs.		T 60.00
500 S'hai Land		$ 9.50
500 Ayer Tawah		$ 5.50
1,000 S'hai Land		$ 9.60
500 "		$ 9.50
100 Wheelock		$ 33.25
500 S'hai Loan		$ 5.90
100 Wheelock		$ 33.00
2,250 S'hai Land		$ 10.00
6,500 "		$ 9.90
2,000 Metropolitan Land		$ 4.50
1,100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	X.R.	$ 16.80
3,200 S'hai Land		$ 9.95
350 Ewo Mills (Rights)		$ 2.00
500 Exploration		$ 7.95
500 S'hai Land		$ 9.95
500 "		$ 10.00
1,000 I. I. Trust		$ 2.20
400 Tram (Bearer) £1		$ 38.00
500 S'hai Land		$ 9.95
1,000 I. I. Trust		$ 2.25
1,000 Kroewoek		$ 1.18
500 S'hai Loan		$ 5.85
500 Exploration		$ 8.00
500 New Eng. (Ord)		$ 5.90
1,000 China Realty		$ 0.95
1,000 Metal Ind. of China		$ 6.75
10 S'hai Power (Pref)		$123.00

ODD LOTS

36 S'hai Cotton		$100.00
100 S'hai Land		$ 9.60
50 Ewo Mills (Ord)	X.R.	$ 16.70
60 " (Rights)		$ 2.00
250 S'hai Land		$ 10.00
100 "		$ 9.80
200 New Eng. (Ord)		$ 5.95
6 Ewo Mills (Rights)		$ 8.00
300 S'hai Land		$ 10.00
200 "		$ 10.00
400 "		$ 9.90
100 A. A. U. (Ord)		$ 3.00
500 Int. Assurance		$ 4.00
100 S'hai Land		$ 10.00
400 "		$ 9.95
50 Ewo Mills (Rights)		$ 2.00
300 S'hai Land		$ 9.95
200 "		$ 9.90

London Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 23.

Quiet conditions prevailed on the Stock Exchange today owing to holiday influences, but British gilt edged securities improved further and closed very firm. Iron and steels were also on the bright side, while Kaffirs occasionally received support from local accounts.—Reuter.

	Dec. 22	23
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£97 7/16	97 11/16
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	44½	44½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	54½	54½
Osaka, Dec. 24.		
Kogo 5%		Y.103.58
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	19/-	19/-
Armstrong Stevens	8/3	8/3
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	38/6	38/6
Austin Motors, ord.	24/6	24/6
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	22/4½	22/4½
British American Tob.	93/9	94/4½
Cable & W., new form	34¼	34
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/3	7/3
Courtaulds	28/-	28/3
Distillers	88/9	89/-
Dunlop Rubber	23/-	23/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	76/6	76/6
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	104/-	104/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	24/-	24/-
Imp. Chem. Indus.	30/-	30/1½
Imp. Tobacco	128/9	129/4½
Leyland Motors	90/3	88/1½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	55/1½	55/1½
Pressed Steel, com.	14/3	14/4½
Rolls-Royce	109/4½	109/4½
Smethwick Drop Forgings	16/6	16/6
Tate & Lyle	54/4½	54/4½
Turner & Newall	75/1½	75/4½
United Steel	22/6	23/6
Vickers, ord.	21/10½	22/3
Woolworths	57/9	57/9
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	25/1½	25/1½
Rubber Pltn. Trust.	27/1½	25/1½
MINES		
Burma Corp.	8/6	8/6
Commonwealth Min.	1/6	1/6
Marsman Invests.	15/9	16/-
Randfontein Ests.	39/10	39/10
Sub-Nigel	225/-	225/-
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
Western Holdings	12/9	12/9
OILS		
Anglo Iranian	90/-	88/9
Burmah	82/6	83/1½
Mexican Eagle	5/1½	5/3
Shell Trans. & Trad.	80/7½	80/7½
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£77	77
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	75	75
4½% Anglo-French Loan	60	60
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	37½	37½
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	56½	56½
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	13½	13½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	26	26
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	25	25
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	23	23
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	13¼	13¼
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	24	24
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	18½	18½
5% " " G.	18	18
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	18	18
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	18	18
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	18	18
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9⅛	9⅛
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	81	81
" " (Col. Reg.)	84	84
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/6	17/6
Chosen Corp.	7/6	7/6
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/3	21/3

N—Nominal.

British Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 23.

Among commodities, wheat values improved on pre-holiday winding up. Otherwise, conditions were featureless.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 8⅛ +1/16; sellers 8 3/16 +1/16. Jan. del buyers 8⅛ +1/16; sellers 8 3/16 +1/16.

London Sugar (buyers) Mar. 6/2½ +¼; May 6/2½ +¼. Aug. 6/2¾ +¼.

Liverpool Wheat: Dec. 4/9⅛ +½; Mar. 4/6⅝ +½; May 4/7¾ +⅝.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Jan. 4.88 +4; Mar. 4.85 +4; May 4.80 +4; July 4.68 +4. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) Jan. 7.24 +2; Mar. 7.26 +5; May 7.22 +3.

London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £44 1/16 +⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £44 5/16 +⅛. Electrolytic buyers £49¼ —¼; sellers £50¼ +¼. Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £215½ +¾. 3 mths del. sellers £216½ +¾. Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £15¼ +⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £15⅜ +1/16. Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £14 1/16 —1/16; 3 mths del. sellers £14⅛ unc.—Reuter.

November Rubber Output

	lb.
Parmata Rubber Estate Ltd.	7,079

New York Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 23.

After opening higher influenced by the rally in rails, stock prices on Wall Street today maintained their initial gains for a period and then reacted slightly on a diminished volume of trading which lasted up to the close. However, on balance, most listed issues finished on the upside. Investment and speculative buying, the virtual discontinuation of profit taking and selling for tax purposes, coupled with the favourable rail report, were the main factors contributing to the advance, while evidences of the extension of the recovery movement after the New Year further bolstered sentiment. Consequently, trading was fairly buoyant, and recent favourities were in fair demand. The turnover today amounted to 1,220,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	152.02	150.52	151.39	+0.86
20 Rails	31.37	30.70	31.13	+0.53
15 Utilit.	22.18	21.59	22.00	+0.34
40 Bonds	—	—	89.40	+0.18
11 Commod.	—	—	48.19	+0.26

	Dec. 22	23
Adams Express	10⅜	10½
Allegheny Ludlum Steel	25½	26
Allis Chalmers	46⅛	46⅛
Amerada Corp.	67½	66¾
Amer. Can	99¾	100
Amer. & For. Power	3	2⅞
" " $7 pfd.	16¼	16¼
Amer. Locomotive	27⅞	28¼
Amer. Metal	38⅜	38½
Amer. Radiator	17⅛	17½
Amer. Rolling Mill	20⅜	20¼
Amer. Smelting	49	48⅞
Amer. Sugar Refining	19½	19¾
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	147¼	147½
Amer. Tobacco "B"	86¼	87¼
Amer. Waterworks	12⅜	12¾
Anaconda Copper	33⅝	34⅝
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	38¼	39¼
Auburn	3½	3½
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅝	6¾
Barber Asphalt Corp.	18⅞	19⅝
Barnsdall Oil Co.	18	18⅛
Bethlehem Steel	74⅝	75⅜
Boeing Airplane Co.	32⅛	31⅝
Borg Warner	31	30⅜
Briggs Mfg. Co.	29½	29¾
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	12⅛	11¾
" $6 cum. pfd.	41	40
Can. Pacific Rly.	5⅜	5⅜
Case, J.I.	85½	88¾
Chase Nat. Bank	Unq.	Unq.
Chesapeake & Ohio	34	35⅛
Chrysler	81½	82¼
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6⅜	6⅛
" " "A" pfd.	70½	70
Coml. Credit	56¾	56¾
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅜	1⅜
" $6 cum. pfd.	45¼	46
Consolid. Edison	29½	30
Consolid. Oil	8⅜	8⅜
Continental Can	39½	40½
Continental Oil	30	30⅜
Corn Products	63	63
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6⅝	6⅝
" " "A"	26⅛	25⅞
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19⅞	19¼
Douglas Aircraft	76½	76⅞
Du Pont de Nemours	149	150
Eagle Picher Lead	11⅝	12⅞
Elec. Bond & Sh.	9¾	9⅞
" " $5 pfd.	B 58½	57½
" " $6 pfd.	64	63½
Elec. Power & Lt.	34½	36
Flintkote	28	28⅜
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	56¼	57½
Gen. Elec.	42⅜	43
Gen. Motors	49⅜	49⅝
Gen. Rly. Signal	22½	23⅞
Glidden Co.	23½	23
Goodrich (B.F.)	23½	23⅞
" $5 pfd.	B 64⅜	65½
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	36¾	37
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	13⅛	13¼
Great Nthrn. Rly.	27⅛	28½
Great Western Sugar	24	24⅞
Greyhound Corp.	20¼	21
Hecker Products	10⅜	10⅜
Homestake Min.	63	63⅛
Int. Nickel	54½	55¼
Int. Tel. & Tel.	8¾	9⅛
Johns Manville	104	104
Kennecott	42	42⅛
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	53⅝	53½
Lockheed Aircraft	34¾	35¾
Loew's Inc.	52⅞	53⅜
Manhattan Shirt Co.	11¾	12½
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	33⅞	33½
McKesson & Rob. $3 pfd.	10/10½ B/A	9/9¾ B/A
Monsanto Chemical	104¼	105¾
Montgomery Ward	51⅛	51⅝
Nat. City Bank	Unq.	Unq.
Nat. Dairy Products	12⅛	12½
Nat. Distillers	26¾	27
Nat. Gypsum	14¾	15
Nat. Lead	26	26
Nat. Power & Lt.	7¼	7⅜
Nat. Supply Co.	13½	13¾
New York Central	19¼	19½
North Amer. Aviation	17⅜	17¼
North Amer.	21¼	21⅜
Northern Pacific	Unq.	11⅝
Pacific Gas & Elec.	28¼	28⅝
Pacific Lighting	42⅜	42
Packard Motors	4	4⅜
Paramount Pictures Inc.	12⅜	12⅝
Pennsylvania R.R.	21	21¾
Phelps Dodge	41¾	41⅞
Phillips Petroleum	42	42
Public Serv.	30⅜	30¾
Pure Oil	10¼	10¼
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7¼	7½
Republic Steel Co.	23⅝	23¾
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	42¾	43⅛
Schenley	15⅞	16
" 5½% pfd.	66¾	66
Sears Roebuck	73⅞	73½
Shell Union Oil	14⅜	14¼
Socony-Vacuum	12¾	12⅞
Sthrn. Pacific	19	19⅜
Sthrn. Rly. $5 pfd.	30¾	31¾
Stand. Brands	6¼	6⅜
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3⅛	3¼
Stand. Oil of N.J.	50¾	51⅞
Stone & Webster	15⅜	16¼
Swift International	27¼	27⅜
Technicolor	20½	21¼
Texas Corp.	45¼	45⅞
Texas Gulf Sulphur	31	31¼
Transamerica	6½	6½
Tw. Century Fox	25	25⅜
" " pfd.	Unq.	34
Un. Carbide & Carbon	88⅜	89¼
Un. Pacific	90	90¼
Un. Aircraft	40¼	40⅞
Un. Air Lines Trans.	11⅞	11¾
Un. Corp.	2¾	2⅞
" $3 pfd.	33½	34¼
Un. Gas Corp.	2⅝	2⅝
Un. Gas Improvement	10½	10⅝
U. S. Rubber	50¼	51
" 8% pfd.	101	101¼
U. S. Steel	66	66¾
Vanadium	26⅞	27⅜
Warner Bros. Picts.	5⅜	5¾
Westinghouse Elec.	117¼	117¼
Woodward Iron	24½	25½
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	49½	51
Brazil	9½	9⅜
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	17½	18⅛
Cities Serv. Pwr.	Unrecd.	73
Erie R.R.	12¼	13
Int. Tel. & Tel. 4½s	100	99⅞
Int. Tel. & Tel.	69	69
New England Gas & Elec.	53½	53¼
Peru	9⅝	9¼
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	50⅜	51
Stand. Gas & Elec.	58½	59

A—Asked B—Bid.—Reuter.

U.S. Silver Imports

New York, Dec. 23.

Silver to the total value of $2,733,000 was imported by the United States during the week ended December 16, compared with $7,602,000 for the previous week.

Consignments of the white metal during the period under review were received from the following principal sources: Canada $90,000; Mexico $573,000; The Philippines $5,000; Chile $18,000; Peru $248,000; Japan $167,000; England $1,407,000; Honduras $66,000; Nicaragua $2,000; Bolivia $17,000; India $61,000; and British Malaya $77,000.

Imports during the previous week came from the following principal countries: Canada $181,000; Mexico $234,000; The Philippines $20,000; Peru $66,000; Japan $63,000; England $7,024,000; and Turkey $5,000.—Reuter.

Reichsmark Quotations

Berlin, Dec. 23.

Reichsmark quotations without guarantee: New York 40.11, Paris 1,523.—, Amsterdam 73.75 to 73.80, London 11.63. Paris quoted sterling at 177.03 to 177.09 and the U.S. dollar at 37.92 to 37.94.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 23.

The cotton market early advanced on higher Liverpool cables, covering by shorts and scattered local and foreign buying. Later, prices moderately declined on liquidation and hedge selling. Finally, the market closed steady on some trade buying, quotations ranging from unchanged to 3 points down.

More activity was witnessed in the rubber market today, and prices progressively hardened on higher London cables, professional and Commission house buying, better Wall Street advices and more factory interest. At the last call over, gains of 16 to 24 points were recorded.

Trading in the Chicago Wheat Pit today was also more cheerful, and prices moderately advanced on firm foreign markets, professional buying and a favourable cash demand. At the final bell, gains of ⅜ of a cent were registered.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Jan.	8.30-30	—01	Jan.	16.41-41	+16
Mar.	8.37-37	—03	Mar.	16.47-47	+24
May	8.20-20	—01	May	16.41-43	+21
July	7.92-92	unc.	July	16.43-48	+22
Oct.	7.59-59	—02		B/A	
Dec.	7.62 N	—03			

New York Sugar No. 4			New York Silk		
Mar.	1.14-15 B/A	unc.			
May	1.15-15½ B/A	unc.	Jan.	1.78B-79A	+1½

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	67¼-67⅜	+⅜	May	52½-52⅜	+½
July	67-67⅛	+⅜	July	53⅜-53⅜	+⅝

Winnipeg Wheat

May	62⅜-62½	+⅞
July	62⅞-63	+⅞

A—Asked B—Bid.—Reuter.

Movements of Gold In U. K.

London, Dec. 23.

Movements of gold in the United Kingdom during the week ended December 21 resulted in a surplus of imports over exports by £876,000, compared with net imports of £1,175,000 for the previous week. Imports during the period under review amounted to £1,379,000 and included shipments from the following principal sources: British Africa £81,000; Switzerland £27,000; Soviet Union £1,209,000; and, Southern Rhodesia £25,000. The previous week's imports totalled £1,801,000 including £491,000 from British Africa; £77,000 from Switzerland; £288,000 from British India; £31',000 from Blegium; £256,000 from Argentina; £14',000 from France; and, £52,000 from Peru.

Exports during the period under review amounted to £2,255,000 and included shipments to the following countries: United States £2,185,000; and, France £40,000. The previous week's exports totalled £2,976,000 including £2,917,000 to the United States; and, £27,000 to the Netherlands.—Reuter.

Forecast British Rubber Stocks

London, Dec. 23.

The average market forecasts of this week's stocks of rubber in London, compared with last week's official figures, show a decrease of 100 tons.

No forecasts of this week's stocks of rubber in Liverpool are yet available.—Reuter.

Stabilization Fund Prolongation

Washington, Dec. 22.

Mr. Henry J. Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, announced today that he would ask Congress to vote upon an extension of the Stabilization Fund's existence beyond June 30, 1939, the date set for its expiration.

He declared that the $2,000,000,000 Fund had realized a profit of $6,000,000 last year and more than that this year.—Havas.

U.K. Silver Movements

London, Dec. 23.

Silver movements in the United Kingdom during the week ended December 21, resulted in a surplus of exports over imports by £671,000, compared with net exports totalling £459,000 during the previous week.

Exports of the white metal from the United Kingdom during the period under review totalled £912,000, including £864,000 to the United States and £26,000 to Germany. Exports during the previous week amounted to £535,000, including a shipment of £508,000 to the United States.

Coming from various sources, imports of silver for the same period amounted to £241,000, of which £63,000 was brought from France, £88,000 from British India and £33,000 from Australia. Imports for last week summed up to £76,000, including £46,000 from France.—Reuter.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 23.

Upon the placement of many orders to buy, the Bourse opened resistant on all counters today. During the session, the foreign situation affected operations, which lessened, in turn affecting all stocks including national bonds. At closing-time, most counters were at lower levels than at the start of the day. Royal Dutch was well-orientated, however. The Bourse will remain closed on Monday, while banks have announced that they will be closed to business both on Monday and on January 2.—Havas.

Car-Loadings in U.S.

New York, Dec. 23.

The Association of American Railroads, in its weekly review, reports that car loadings for the week ended December 17 totalled 606,000 cars, compared with 619,000 cars for the previous week.

Car loadings during the corresponding week of last year totalled 603,000 cars, or 3,000 cars less than the amount in the period under review.—Reuter.

Kaunas to Fulfill German Wishes

Lithuanian Premier on Memel Status; Direct Parleys Suggested

Kaunas, Dec. 24.

Dr. Mironas, Lithuanian Prime Minister, told the Lithuanian Parliament yesterday that the Government was taking account of Germany's interest in Memel and was fulfilling the German wishes.

If necessary, said Mr. Mironas, Lithuania would send a Cabinet Minister to Berlin. The Prime Minister suggested that a German-Lithuanian Committee of jurists might find a method of bringing a satisfactory solution to the differences regarding the Memel statute.

Lithuania's aim, he continued, is to maintain her independence together with Latvia and Estonia. Lithuania, added the Prime Minister, is prepared to negotiate directly with autonomous authorities in Memel.

Dr. Mironas welcomed the new trade treaty with Poland and emphasized its significance for the port of Memel and announced that new railways would be built in the near future to shorten the distance between the new hinterland and Memel.—Reuter.

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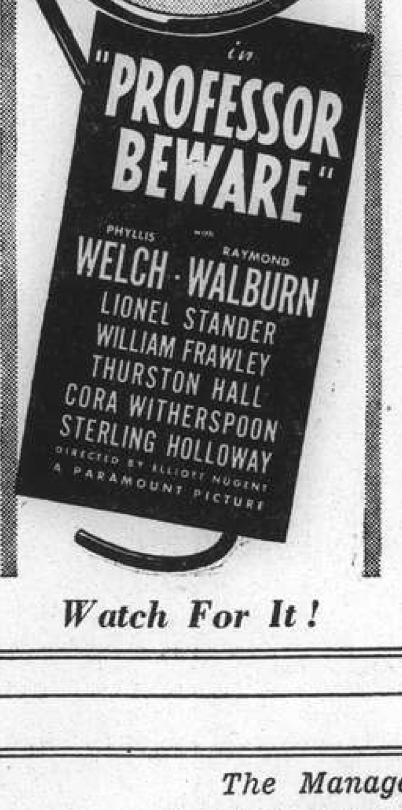

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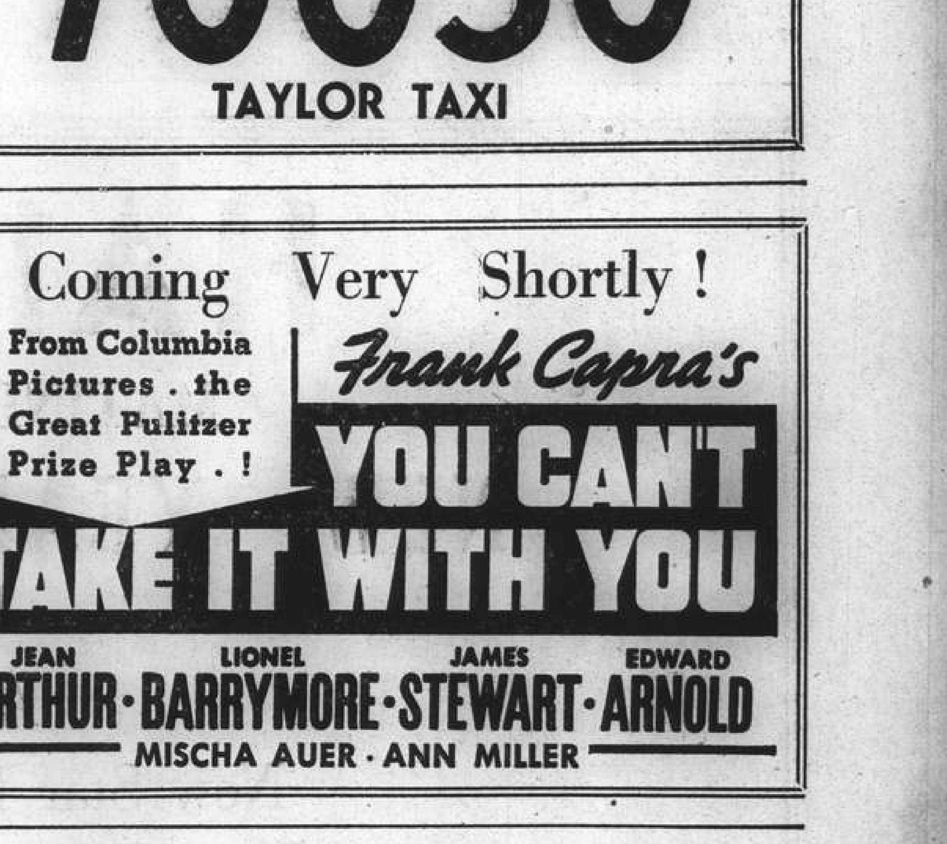

ACROSS

1 Sambo says the writer is to give an account
7 Fly like a hawk
8 Is in a shade of bother
9 Make less when Jack has already had his meal
10 Having put a pound in the Post Office, there's a door outside to make use of
11 Blimp should look out, so to speak
14 The devil take every one of you
18 He signs with a cross
19 Strong fish; better throw it away
20 Tin o' pasties?
21 'Ang the Spanish—that's the spirit!
22 Puts her in a bit of a hole, sticking to her principle

DOWN

1 The fellow with the solution
2 Heavens! One M.P. has got in; how mean
3 Mad about the boy? Here's proof of the contrary
4 Facing the sea, presumably (4 words)
5 The snob at last might help the down at heel
6 If ever gets about it's all up, no wonder I'm fidgety
12 A glib man makes easy progress
13 Dear men, how they wander from the point
15 Concerning a speck in the distance
16 Requires rivets when broken
17 A health for the chairman?

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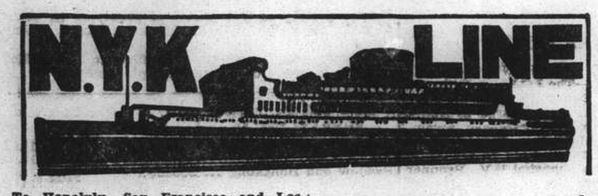

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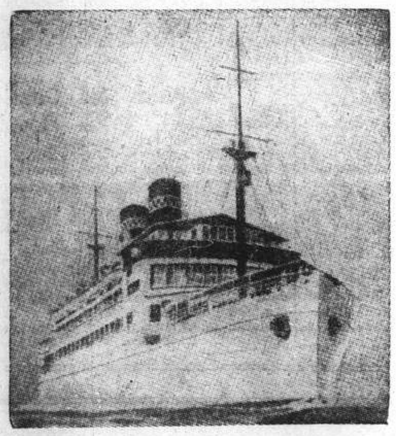

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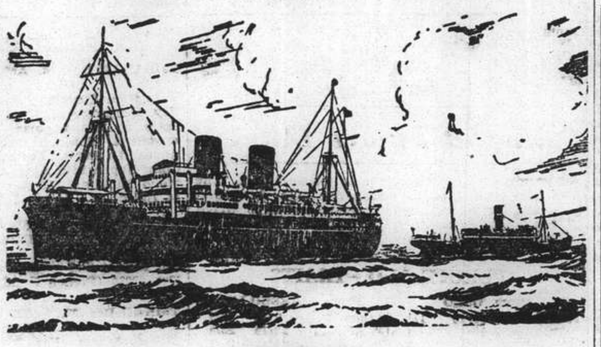

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	31	‡RAJPUTANA	17,000
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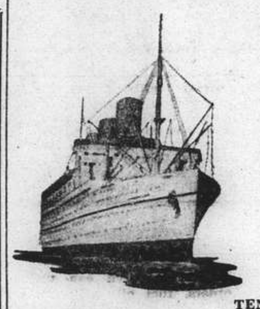

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Midnight (DESPATCHING)	Sunday, Dec. 25	—

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TENDER SERVICE

From Custom's Jetty		From Ship.
6.00 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 27	7.00 p.m.
11.00 p.m.	" "	Midnight
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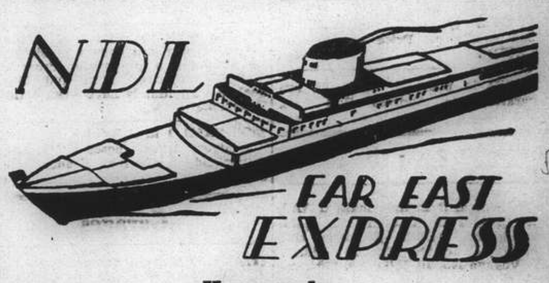

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Name	From	Consignees
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Shinhwa	Tientsin	G.L. Shaw
Shinyu	Foochow	G.F. Shaw
St. V. de Paul	Tientsin	T.C.C.
Kanchow	Tientsin	B.&S.
Kaiapoi	Ningpo	Ningpo S.S.
Tjibadak	Dairen	J.C.J.L.
Wantung	Chitung	B.&S.
Sandwich	Cruise	—
Mantis	Cruise	—
Peterel	Cruise	—
U.S.S. Guam	Cruise	—
Cockchafer	Cruise	—
Husan M.	Fusan	N.Y.K.
Helenus	Hongkong	B.&S.
Tsokwang	T'senkong	A.P.C.
Talien	Tsungming	Wan Woo
Wusueh	Hsinkong	B.&S.
Shukwang	Ningpo	A.P.C.
Tembien	Wenchow	C.I.N.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Ave-Maria	Port.	C.C.T.H.
M. Margarida	Port.	Maria S.N.
Vigo	Port.	Inter. Nav.
Sauerland	Ger.	H.-A.L.
Tungwo	Br.	Jardine
Heini	Ger.	Dah Yung
Lilian Moller	Br.	Mollers'
Hansi	Ger.	G.F.E.
Don Pedro	Port.	C.A.S.S.
Tejo	Port.	I.C.R.N.
Haikong	Ger.	Keh Lee
Chingning M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Tseangtah	Br.	Mow Tung
Elbhof	Ger.	Carlowitz
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LIVERPOOL: Helenus
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MANILA: Emp. of Russia

From
CAPE TOWN: Boissevain
TIENTSIN: Shengking
WENCHOW: Chungking

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited on her voyage to Shanghai.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From OSLO
Triton 19/10 1/1
Tarn 19/11 12/1
Talabot 17/12 12/2

From GDYNIA
Titan 15/11 6/1
Eumaeus 13/12 3/2

From GLASGOW
Sarpedon 19/11 4/1
Deucalion 3/12 19/1
Patroclus 17/12 1/2

From LIVERPOOL
Menelaus 19/11 3/1
Sarpedon 26/11 4/1
Lycaon 3/12 15/1
Daucalion 10/12 19/1
Perseus 17/12 27/1
Patroclus 24/12 1/2

From LONDON
Bhutan 12/11 27/12
Behar 26/11 5/1
Rajputana 2/12 9/1
Soudan 10/12 23/1
Ranchi 16/12 23/1
Yasukuni M. 23/12 27/1

From HAMBURG
Potsdam 26/11 30/12
Triton 13/11 1/1
Lippe 12/11 4/1
Panama 15/11 7/1
Zuiderkerk 21/11 14/1
Elbe 10/12 16/1
Gneisenau 24/12 27/1

From ROTTERDAM
Preussen 25/11 9/1
Zuiderkerk 11/11 14/1
Leverkusen 8/12 20/1
Tjikembang 29/12 11/2

From ANTWERP
Zuiderkerk 21/11 14/1
Tjikembang 19/12 11/2
Talabot 24/12 12/2

From LIVORNO
Leverkusen 19/12 20/1

From MARSEILLES
Athos II 9/12 6/1
F. Roussel 23/12 20/1
Ranchi 24/12 23/1

From GENOA
Zuiderkerk 11/12 14/1
Tjikembang 6/1 11/2

From TRIESTE
Himalaya 20/11 9/1

From PORT SAID
Sarpedon 8/12 4/1
Soudan 21/12 23/1

From SUEZ
Titan 6/12 6/1

From ADEN
C. Rosso 14/12 31/12

From COLOMBO
Potsdam 19/12 30/12
Athos II 24/12 6/1
Preussen 20/12 9/1
Rajputana 22/12 9/1
Tarn 24/12 12/1

From KARACHI
Sumatra 15/12 11/1

From PENANG
Behar 25/12 5/1
Eumaeus 24/12 6/1
Lippe 20/12 7/1

From SINGAPORE
Triton 25/12 1/1
Menelaus 24/12 4/1
Sarpedon 25/12 4/1

From SOERABAIA
Tjisalak 19/12 5/1
Tjisadane 23/12 7/1

From BATAVIA
Tjisalak 23/12 5/1

From MANILA
Taybank 22/12 27/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Peter Maersk 10/11 27/12
Chi. Prince — 28/12
Silveryew 23/11 12/1
Sert. Maersk 28/11 12/1
C. Florence 19/11 15/1
Eskbank 7/12 24/1
Grete Maersk 10/12 25/1
C. Bedford 17/12 14/2
Stentor 27/12 16/2

From VANCOUVER
Emp. Japan — 27/12
Oakbank — 10/1

From SAN FRANCISCO
Taybank 30/11 27/12
Silveryew 10/12 8/1

From LOS ANGELES
Bidevind 9/11 30/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

From OTARU
Bangalore 13/12 26/12

From YOKOHAMA
Terukuni M. 18/12 26/12

From KOBE
Nanking 24/12 26/12
Bangalore 22/12 26/12
Shanghai M. 26/12 30/12
Taiyo M. 31/12 2/1

From MIIKE
Seroosker 2/1 5/1

From MOJI
Terukuni M. 24/12 26/12

From NAGASAKI
Nagasaki M. 26/12 27/12
Nagasaki M. 31/12 1/1

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From LOUR. MARQUES
Nolisement — 5/1
Tegelberg 8/12 22/1
Harmattan — 7/2

From MAURITUS
Tegelberg 25/12 22/1

From MELBOURNE
Nellore 3/12 9/1
Tanda 4/1 9/2

From RABAUL
Nellore 25/12 9/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Hoten M. 23/12 26/12

From TAKU
Hsin Peking 21/12 27/12

From TIENTSIN
Hsin Peking 21/12 27/12
Yatshing 20/12 27/12
Fooshing 19/12 28/12
Yusang 23/12 28/12
Wosang 24/12 29/12
Yingchow 25/12 1/1

From TONGKU
Hsin Peking 22/12 27/12

From CHANGWAHKONG
Suiwo 26/12 26/12

From HSINGKONG
Tungwo 25/12 25/12

From CHITUNG
Liwo 26/12 26/12

From HUPUKOW
Whangpu 25/12 25/12

From HONGKONG
Tsinan 21/12 26/12
Bhutan 24/12 27/12
Tingsang 23/12 27/12
Yochow 23/12 27/12
Sinkiang 25/12 29/12
Suiyang 23/12 30/12
Yunnan 27/12 31/12
Esang 25/12 31/12

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

TAISANG Dec. 26. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Socony Installation on Monday, Dec. 26, at 1.30 p.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. Tender for passengers from Customs Jetty at 12.15 p.m. Monday. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 26-12

KAIPING Dec. 27. CHINWANGTAO DIRECT.—The Kailan Mining Administration will despatch the steamer Kaiping, Captain E. Muton, on Tuesday, December 27, 1938. For passage apply to the Agent, 30 Foochow Road. Tel. 11070. 27-12

SHENGKING Dec. 27. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at noon. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 27-12

TINGSANG Dec. 29. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Dec. 29. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 29-12

YOCHOW Dec. 29. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 3 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-12

KWAISANG Dec. 31. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, Dec. 31. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 31-12

SOUTH CHINA COAST

KANCHOW Dec. 25. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Dec. 25, at noon. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-12

SOOCHOW Dec. 25. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Dec. 25, at 3 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 25-12

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

TJIBADAK Dec. 26. AMOY, HONGKONG and JAVA PORTS.—The J.C.J.L. ss. Tjibadak sails from Customs Lower Buoys No. 14-15 on Monday, December 26, at 11 a.m., taking cargo to Hongkong and Java ports. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European and Australian Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 26-12

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TSINAN Dec. 28. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-12

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FOOSHING Dec. 30. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Friday, Dec. 30. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 30-12

SINKIANG Dec. 31. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Saturday, December 31, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-12

WOSANG Dec. 31. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, Dec. 31. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 31-12

SUIYANG Jan. 1. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, Jan. 1, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 31-12

JAPAN

CARTHAGE Dec. 26. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 26-12

STRAITS AND EUROPE

NANKING Dec. 27. ALGIERS, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, OSLO and GOTHENBURG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s m.s. Nanking will leave Shanghai on or about December 27, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on Optional Bs/L. For freight and passage please apply to the Ekman Foreign Agencies Ltd., Hamilton House, Foochow Road Entrance. Tel. 11330. 27-12

BANGALORE Dec. 30. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—For Freight Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 30-12

AFRIKA Jan. 2. PORT SAID, JAFFA, HAIFA, BEYROUTH, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and COPENHAGEN via HONGKONG and SINGAPORE.—The East Asiatic Co.'s Motorship Afrika, Captain E. Broholm Jensen, will be despatched from here on or about January 2, for the above-mentioned ports. Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to all Continental, Baltic and Scandinavian ports. Optional Bills of Lading issued to U.K. ports. For freight and passage apply to Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 2-1

CHITRAL Jan. 3. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 9.30 a.m. Tuesday, January 3, 1939. Hand packages only will be accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage will be received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, January 2, Customs Permit required for any nailed cases For Freight and Passage apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 3-1

GAZANA Jan. 4. BOMBAY and KARACHI via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG and COLOMBO.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 4-1

JEAN LABORDE Jan. 5. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 5-1

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REGENSBURG Jan. 9. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BELAWAN, COLOMBO, PORT SUDAN and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L. 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 9-1

POTSDAM Jan. 10. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN and HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L. 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 10-1

AMERICA

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SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN Dec. 27. RODRIGUEZ, MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK, (Koh-Si-Chang) SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Boissevain sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Tuesday, December 27. Cargo accepted for all ports in South, East and West Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Agents, K.P.M. Line Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 27-12

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(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	*Per*		*Reg.*	*Ord.*
SUNDAY, Dec. 25.				
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Kanchow		9.30	10.00
Kwangtung	Kanchow		9.30	10.00
Swatow and Hongkong ...	Soochow		10.00	10.00
Kwangtung	Soochow		10.00	10.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Jenny Moller		10.00	10.00
Chinwangtao	Jenny Moller		10.00	10.00
Ningpo	Meinan		10.00	10.00
Japan Korea via Nagasaki				
Canada U.S.A. Europe .	Emp. Russia		10.00	16.00
Foochow	Pipina		15.30	16.00
Japan via Kobe	Taiyo M.		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Tejo		16.00	16.00
MONDAY, Dec. 26.				
Aust. N.Z. and Java Ports	Tjibadak		*19.00	8.00
Hongkong and Canton ...	Tjibadak		7.30	8.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Taisang		9.30	10.00
Wenchow	Tembien		10.45	11.15
Japan via Kobe	J. Laborde	x	14.00	15.00
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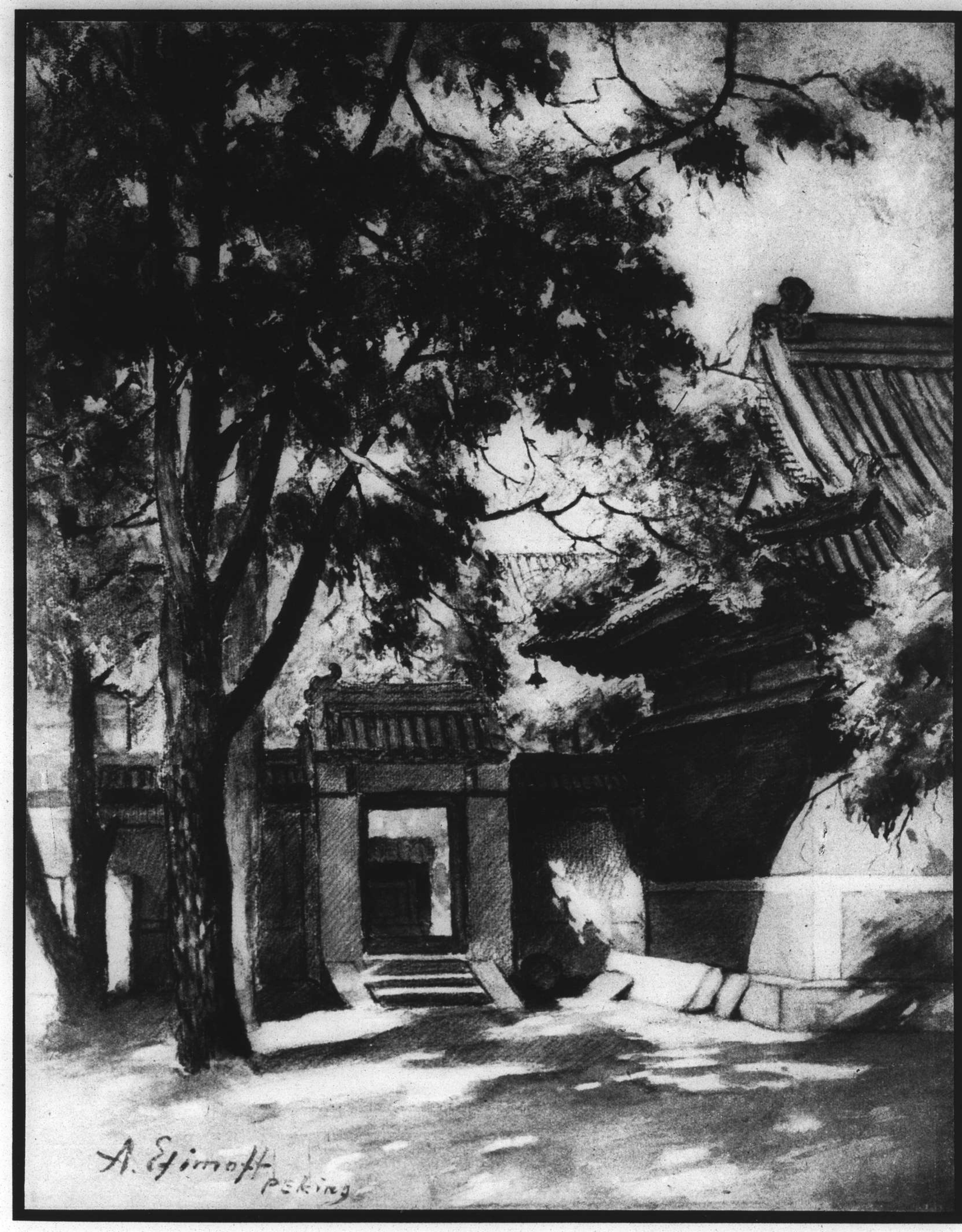

From a water colour painting by A. Efimoff

LATE Autumn gives way to Winter at the Temple of the Cypress Grove, Peking (Po Lin Ssŭ). Built during the reign of the Mongol Emperor Chih Ch'eng, it has weathered six hundred years of alternating war and peace.

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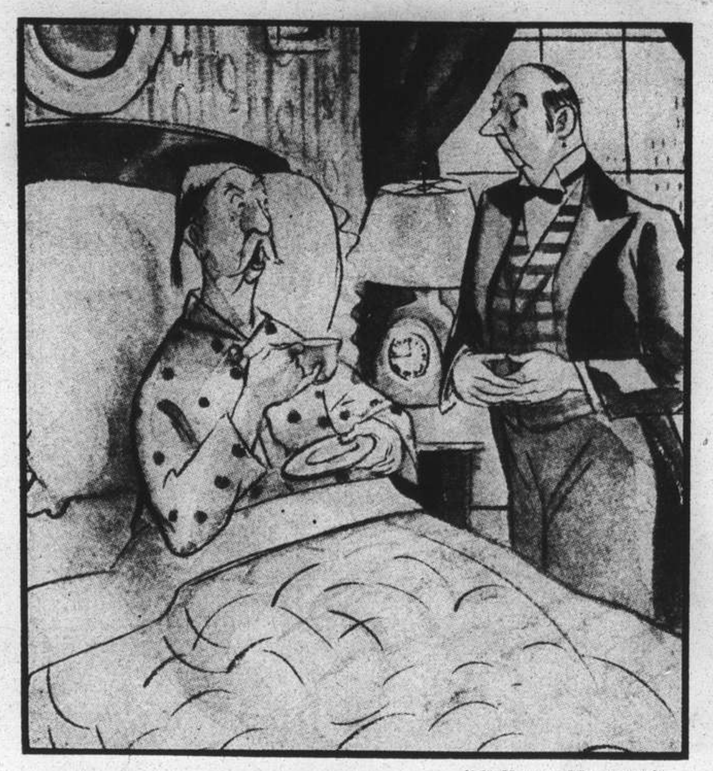
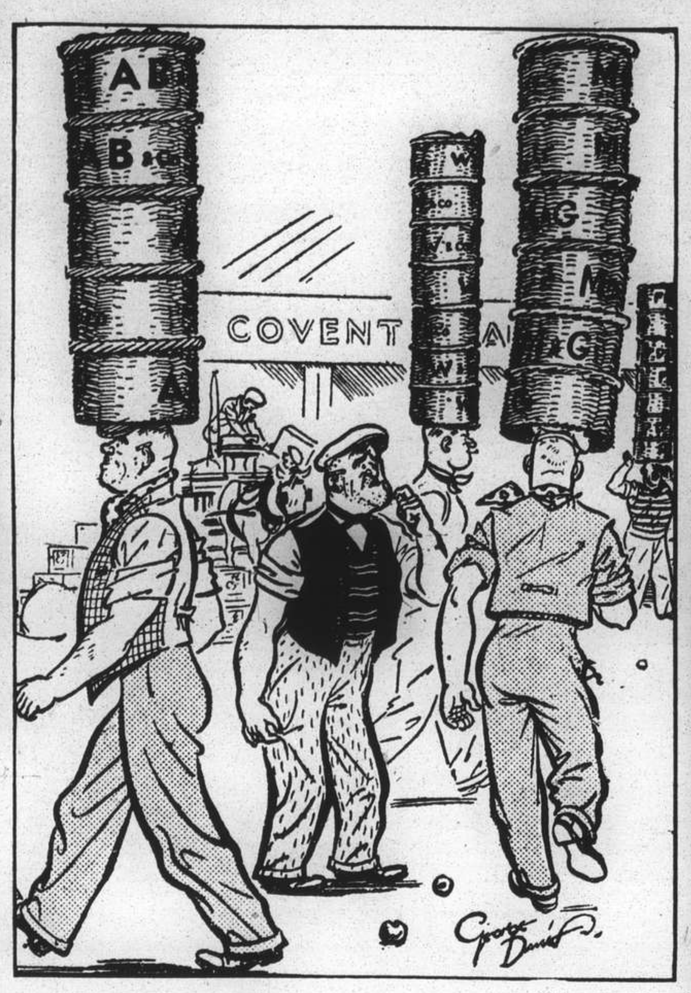
The World's Wit and Humour



"College Humour"

"Hastings, I feel extremely virile this morning. You may lay out my suit with the broad shoulders."

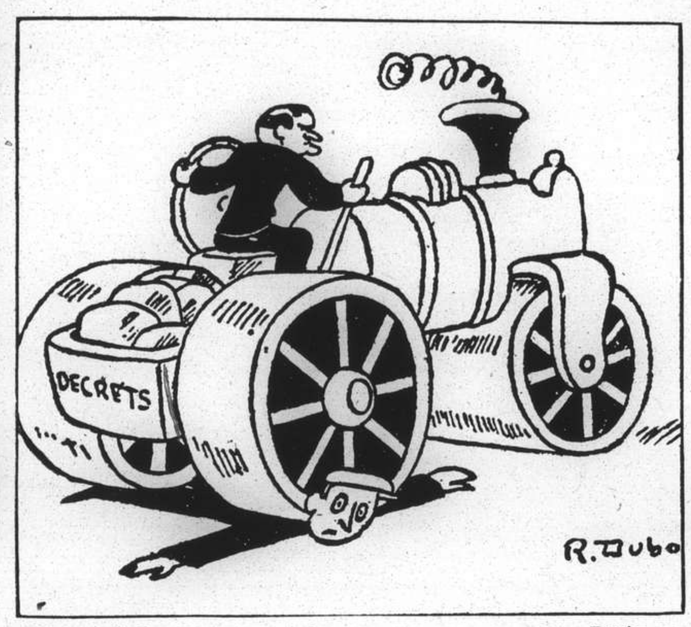


"A-tisket a-tasket—" *"Answers"*

"Ahem—fore!" *"College Humour"*

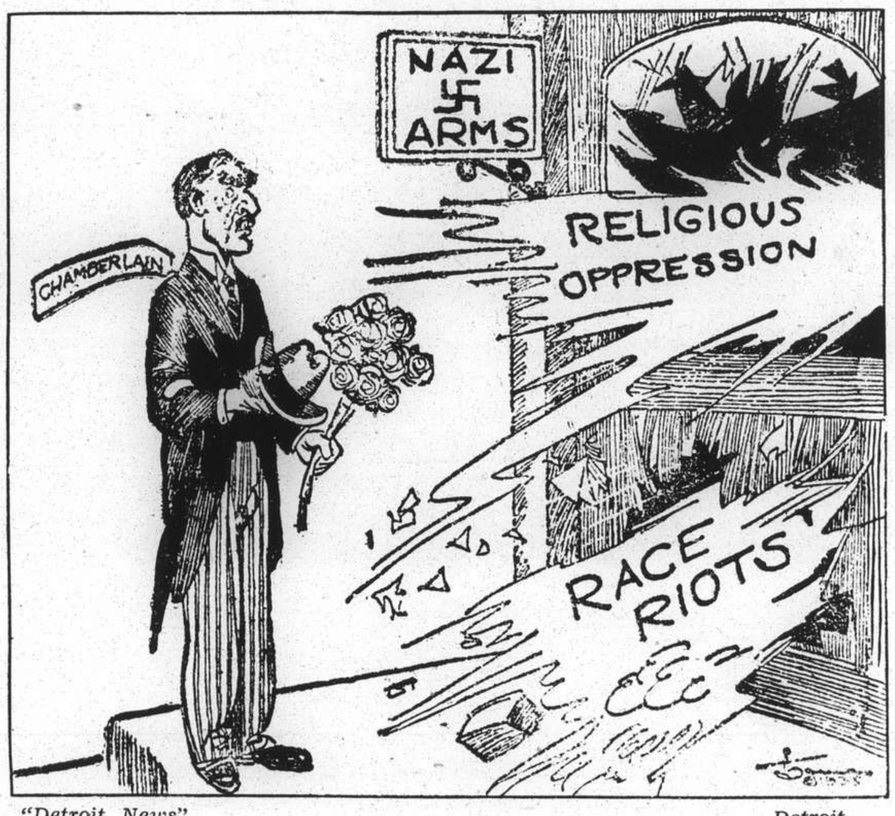
"New Yorker"

"Prepare the west guest room, Edwards. Mr. Carmichael has decided to spend the night."



"Humanite" *Paris*

FRENCH RADICALS SEE THE WORKER CRUSHED BY M. DALADIER'S RECOVERY PLAN.

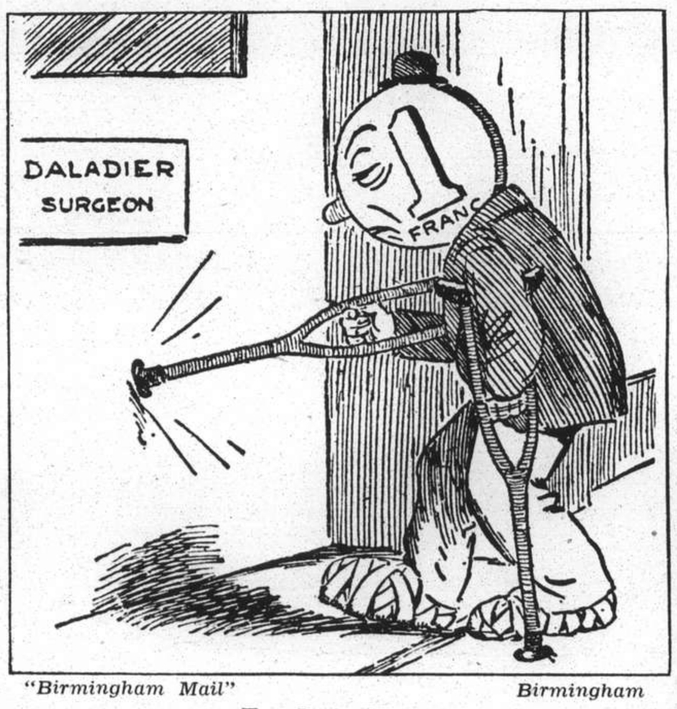


"Detroit News" *Detroit*

EMBARRASSING MOMENT

"New York Times" *New York*

WONDERING "HOW TO GET HIM BACK IN AGAIN."



"Birmingham Mail" *Birmingham*

THE LAME DUCK

"New Yorker"

"I have only one regret. When I stepped out of his life I left him in the middle of a sentence."

"Glasgow Record" *Glasgow*

WHAT THE SPANISH LOYALISTS WANT TO STOP

Shanghai Events and Portraits

Albert William Rowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rowe of Shanghai, who after completing five years' apprenticeship in Hongkong has joined the m.v. Silver Beech as engineer.

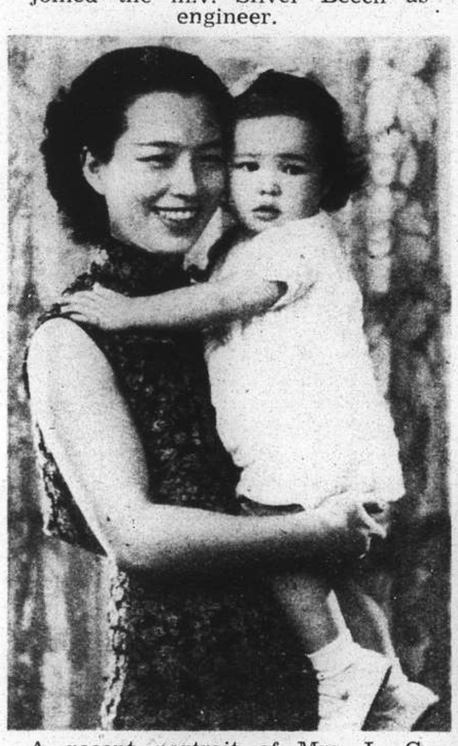
At the S.L.H.A. tea dance at Ciro's: Mr. E. W. Brambley, Miss Armita Chelmis, Miss Alexandra Chelmis, Mr. Baumgartner.—*N.C.D.N.*

The Shanghai Ladies Hockey Association's tea dance at Ciro's on December 14 was well attended. Those present included (*l. to r.*) Mr. R. W. Kirby. Mrs. T. Makarov, Mr. R. Black. Mrs. R. W. Kirby.—*N.C.D.N.*

Mrs. C. R. Lyons is leaving Shanghai shortly for the United States.—*Bann's.*

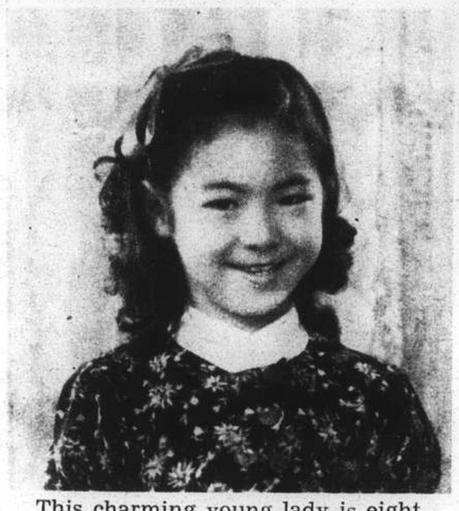
At the Shanghai Ladies Hockey Association's tea dance on December 14: (*l. to r.*) Mrs. T. Koehler, Mr. H. Groesser, Miss C. Koch, Mr. F. Lindemann, and Mrs. H. Groesser.—*N.C.D.N.*

At the Reel Club's dance on December 16: Mr. A. Y. Tait is President of the Reel Club and is an expert in the intricate steps of Scottish dances.—*N.C.D.N.*



A recent portrait of Mrs. L. C. Diespecker and her daughter Louise, who is 19 months old.

Mr. S. M. Sanzetti and Miss Caroline Chen have announced their engagement.



This charming young lady is eight-year-old Miss Shirley Liu, niece of Mrs. L. C. Diespecker.

Mr. Siegfried Berg and Miss Marie Nikoulina have announced their engagement.—*Bann's.*

At the Reel Club Dance on December 16: (*l. to r.*) Mr. A. G. L. Richards, Mrs. N. Richardson, Miss B. Gordon, Mr. A. Y. Tait, Mr. F. Fyfe, Mrs. A. Hurry and Mr. F. A. Inglis.—*N.C.D.N.*

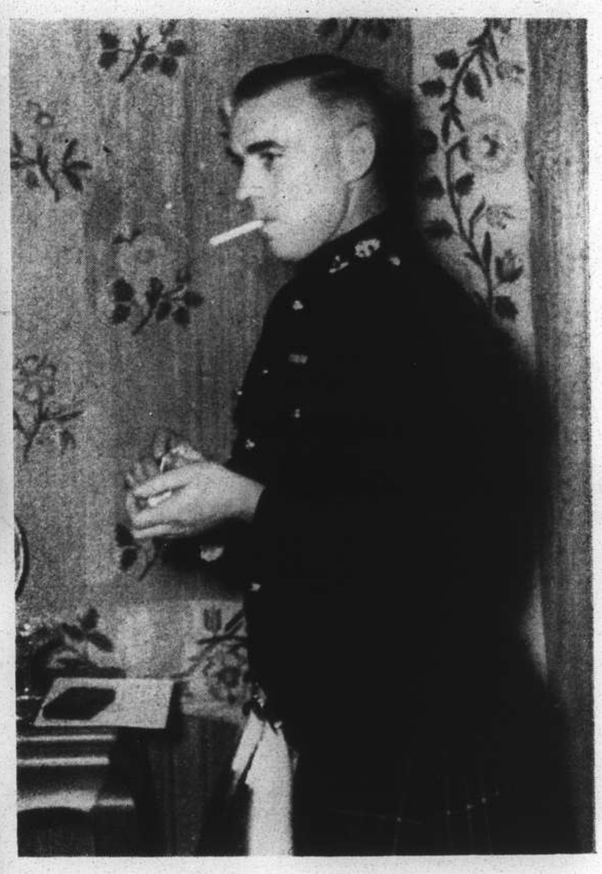
The Darts Championship sponsored by the "Police Gazette" was won by the R.A.M.C., who beat the R.A.S.C. by five games to four. Prizes presented by the "Police Gazette" were handed to the winners at a Social held at the Police Club on December 17. Those present included H. A. Sevenoaks, C. Weed Mrs. Weed, J. Howard, K. M. Steiner, Mrs. Widdowson, and W. H. Widdowson. (*Inset*) Mr. W. H. Widdowson hands the championship trophy to Sgt. Higginbottom of the R.A.M.C.—*N.C.D.N.*

Exponents of the ancient game of darts met at a pleasant gathering on December 17 at the Police Club, when prizes were presented to the winners of the Darts Championship sponsored by the "Police Gazette."—*N.C.D.N.*

Presentation of Birthday Honours: Local Weddings

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr greets Col. J. W. Hornby. —*N.C.D.N.*

At the Ambassador's reception: *(l. to r.)* Mr. J. R. Jones, Sir Robert Calder Marshall and Sir Herbert Phillips.—*N.C.D.N.*



C.S.M. James Keil of the 1st. Batt., the Seaforth Highlanders, who received the M.B.E.—*N.C.D.N.*

Lieut.-Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray and Capt. J. D. E. Shotter, M.B.E.—*N.C.D.N.*

At the Ambassadors's reception: *(l. to r.)* Major C. E. Howard Vyse, M.B.E., Mrs. Howard Vyse, Major B. H. Ashmore, and Mrs. Ashmore.—*N.C.D.N.*

BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The residence of H.M. Ambassador to China was the scene of a reception on Monday last, December 19, when Birthday Honours bestowed upon Britons of Shanghai by His Majesty King George VI were formally presented to the recipients by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr.

Major and Mrs. H. York Irwine bade goodbye to Shanghai and the Far East on December 22 when they sailed for England on the "Marechal Joffre." Major Irwine has long been associated with Imperial Chemical Industries. He was with the Shanghai office for ten years from 1919 to 1929, and for a further ten as Chairman of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co (Japan), Ltd., at Kobe, Japan. Major Irwine is now proceeding to England to take charge of the Far East section of the company.—*Josepho.*

Miss Caliope Sentouktis, who became the bride of Mr. Walter G. Schmidt on December 17, wore an exceptionally beautiful wedding gown.—*Bann's.*

At the Blown-Harding wedding reception: *(l. to r.)* Mrs. Silby, Miss Lyall Cormack, Mr. G. Blown, Miss Ailsa Stuart-Murray, and Miss W. Ambrose.—*N.C.D.N.*

The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral on December 17 of Mr Philip Blown, son of Capt. and Mrs. O. C. Blown, and Miss Winifred Marjory Harding, daughter of Mrs. K. M Harding and the late J. W. Harding. The photographs above were taken at the reception following the ceremony and show *(left)* Mr. R. B. Roach toasting the bride and bridegroom, and *(right)* Mr. and Mrs. Blown cutting their wedding cake.

The wedding took place at the Church of Christ the King on December 17 of Mr. Walter G. Schmidt, assistant secretary of the Foreign Y.M.C.A., and Miss Caliope Sentouktis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sentouktis of Shanghai. *(Left)* Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt cut their wedding cake and *(right)* the bridal party at the Church of Christ the King.—*N.C.D.N.*

Rowing Club Jubilee

N.C.D.N. Photographs

A cheery party at the Rowing Club's Jubilee Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Heinzeling, Capt. and Mrs. B. Barclay, and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Pate.

Mr. Poate, Mrs. Roach, Mr. Corneck and Mrs. Blatchford.

A SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

The Shanghai Rowing Club is one of the oldest institutions in Shanghai, boasting of no less than seventy-five years to its credit. It was in celebration of this jubilee that a dance was held in the Club House on the evening of December 17, and the big attendance was a reflection of the Club's popularity. In addition to dancing there were other amusements to entertain the members and their guests in the way of fun fairs, shooting galleries, cocoanut shies, etc.

Mr. V. G. Stott, Mrs. C. Melchers and Mr. C. Melchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Mr. Davis, Miss Doreen Parkhill and Mr. John Nye

Miss Nelly Stead and Mr. "Corky" Corneck.

Mr. B. H. McMichael, Miss Joan Hodgman, Miss Doris Gilbert, and Mr. Cliff Hodgman.

Mrs. Blatchford, Mr. R. B. Roach (Captain of the Club), and Mrs. Roach.

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A Club Dance and Some Portraits

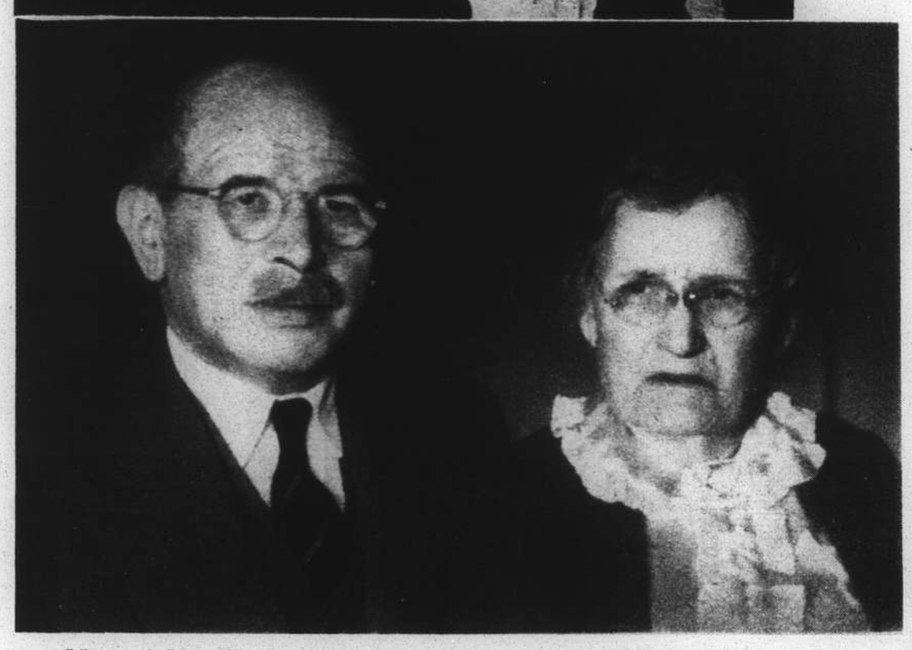
At the American Club Dance: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tan, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McCullam, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter, and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stowall.—*Hamilton.*

ANNUAL DANCE OF THE AMERICAN CLUB

The annual dance of the American Club was held in the club rooms in Foochow Road on December 21 and was well attended. In the photograph below are seen Mrs. Betty Eisler and Mr. William Van Buskirk.—*Hamilton.*

At the American Club Dance: Mr. and Mrs. Masfield Freeman, Lt. S. T. Kaspar, Mrs. I. S. Brown, Mr. Wilbur Judd, and Mrs. H. W. Gibson.—*Hamilton.*

At the American Club Dance: *(left hand picture)* Mr. and Mrs. "Happy" Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. Karl B. Hill. *(right hand picture)* Mr. and Mrs. Reed, and Mr. and Mrs. Wygall.—*Hamilton.*



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mankiewicz were visitors in this city last week during a trip round the world. Mr. and Mrs. Mankiewicz are the parents of Mr. Joseph Mankiewicz, the Hollywood producer.—*Josepho.*

Mr. Edward Smyth and Miss Frances Adams were married at Holy Trinity Cathedral on December 20.—*Skvirsky.*

Mr. P. D. G. Gain has recently returned to Shanghai and resumed his duties as Honorary Trade Commissioner for the Union of South Africa in Shanghai. *Bann's.*

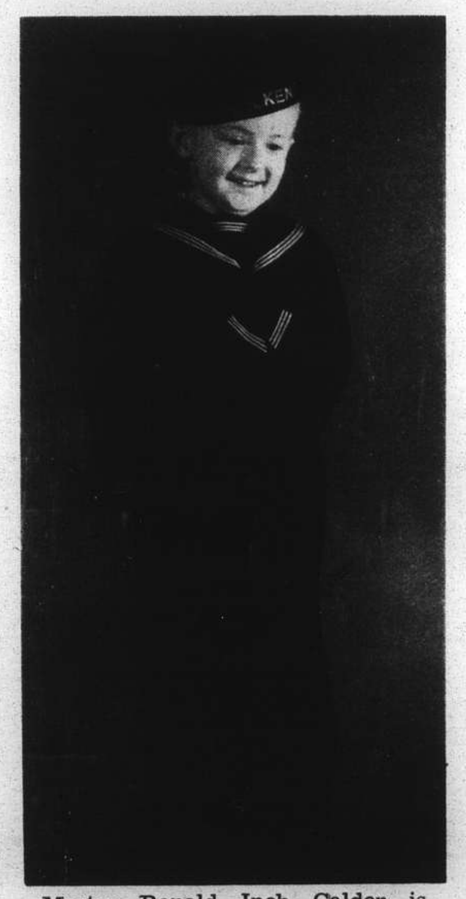
Mr. I. I. Spilwanek, Consul-General for U.S.S.R., has returned to Shanghai.—*Josepho.*

Mr. R. del Lago, Brazilian Minister to China, passed through Shanghai recently on his way back to Peking.—*Josepho.*

Maurice and Valerie Eldridge are the children of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge is with the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank at Chefoo.—*Josepho.*

Princess Maria, youngest child of the King and Queen of Italy, whose engagement to Prince Louis of Bourbon Parma was officially announced last month.

A recent portrait of Pearl Buck, noted authoress, who has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.



Master Ronald Inch Calder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Calder and the grandson of Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Inch. He will be 4 years old next spring.

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Russian Commercial School
Kaiser Wilhelm Schule

and a Clarinet Quartet of the Shanghai American School

Deputy-Conductor: **Prof. ARRIGO FOA**

Special Prices: **Adults, Balcony $1.60; Stalls $1.10**
Young People, Balcony 55 cents; Stalls 33 cents

The Season's Fourth Paperhunt

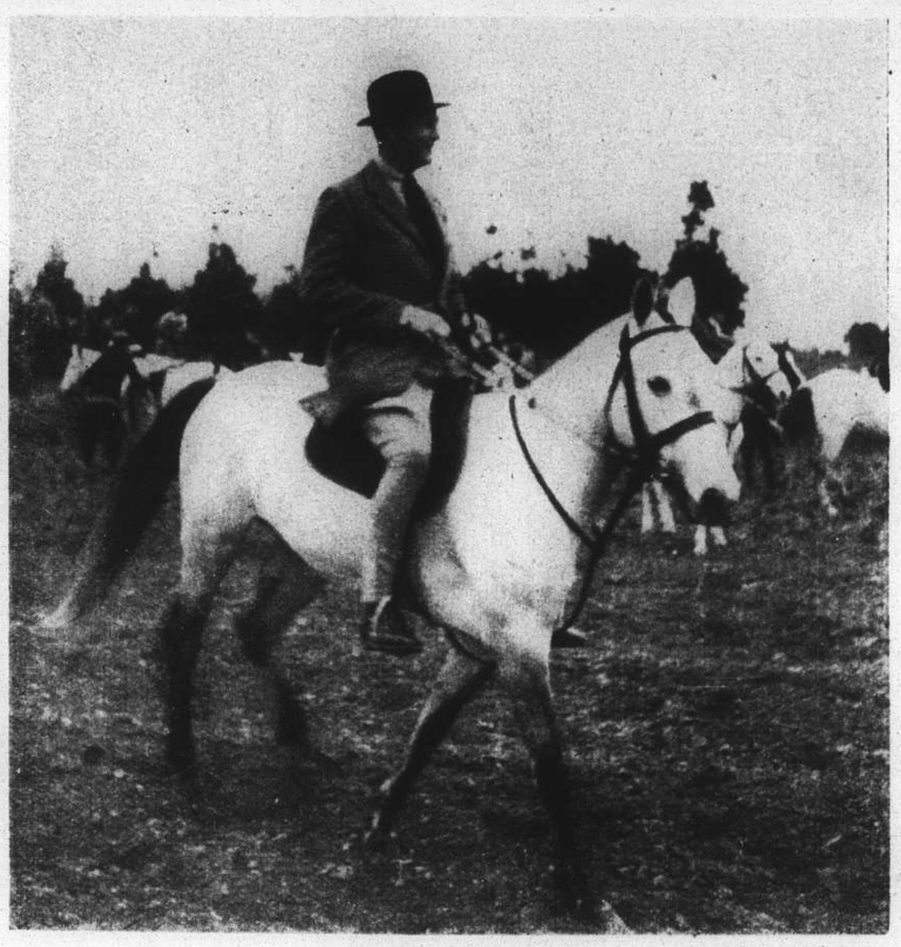
Last Sunday's paperhunt was laid in the Minghong Country by Drs. J. Edgar and W. L. McWhirter and covered a distance of about nine miles. Mr. Chester Fritz on Tempest came through the flags in first place, a length ahead of Mr. A. V. Striker on Bull Run. The rest of the field were close behind in a tight bunch.—*N.C.D.N. Photographs.*

Miss Yvonne Pollock and *(left)* Mr. W. B. Hughes.

At the paperhunt last Sunday: Mr. P. E. Smith, Marchese Taliani. Dr. D. Tirinnazi, Marchesa Taliani, Mrs. A. Gherardi and Comtesse du Rivau.

Dr. Y. H. Chou, the popular Chinese thruster.

Mr. C. W. Rayden, secretary of the Shanghai Paperhunt Club, and Mr. H. M. Spence, the Master.



Mr. A. J. Hickmott.

To the finishing jump: *(l. to r.)* Mr. A. V. White, Mr. W. B. Hughes and Mrs. E. Andrews.

Mr. P. von Schubert taking the last jump.

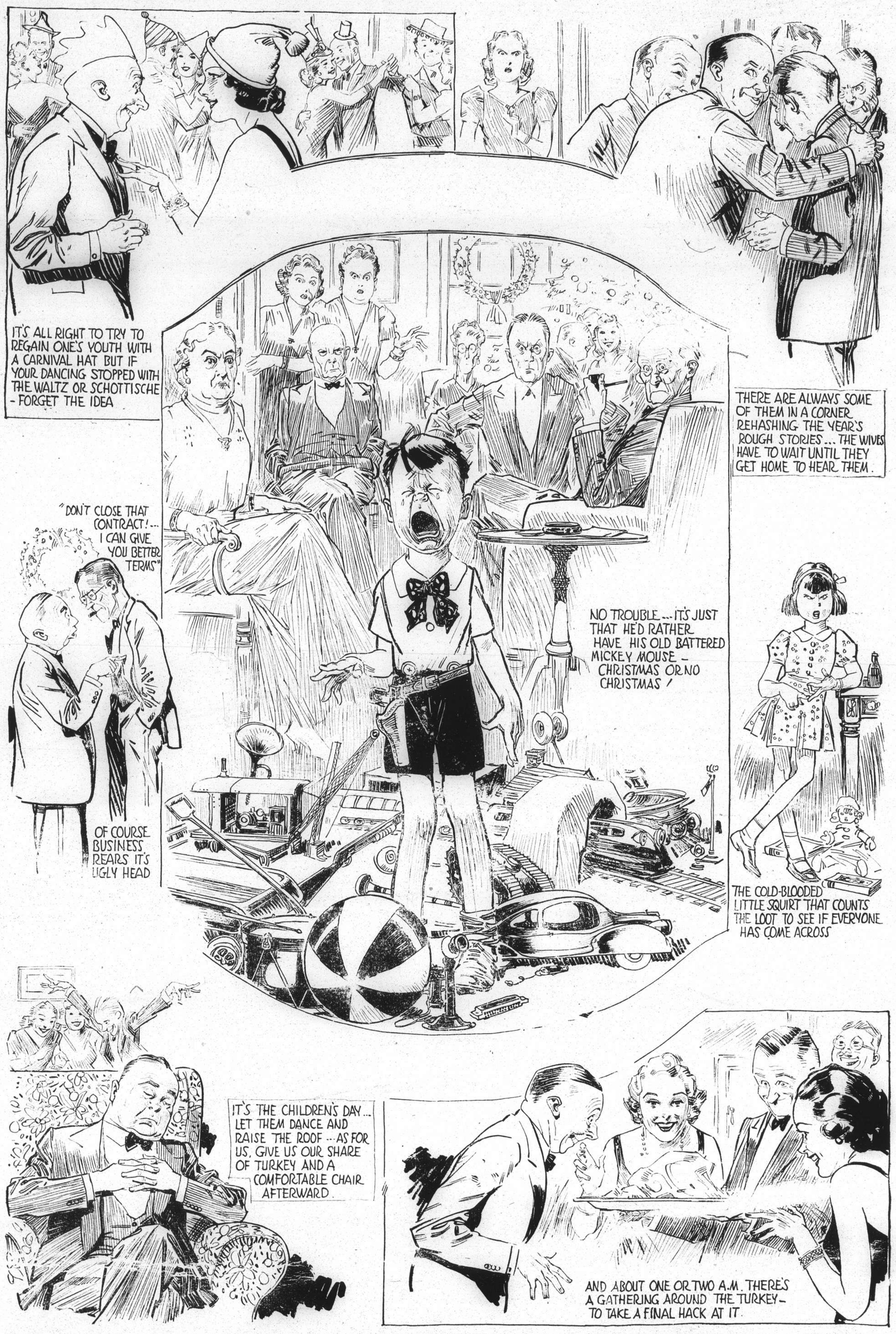
Mr. Chester Fritz on Tempest coming in first.

The scene before the hunt. In the foreground are some of the numerous Chinese country children who always form part of the large crowd of spectators.

The Day We Celebrate

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

By J. NORMAN LYND



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